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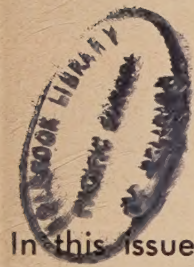


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AN ECHO FROM WASHINGTON

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Harold E. Westerhoff



"THROUGH CHRIST I CAN" has become more than a convention theme. Indeed it has become more than a biennial Christian Endeavor theme. Written by Edward C. Steinhart, energetic song leader for the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention held in Washington, D.C., in 1963, it has been enthusiastically picked up in many places. Copyrighted in 1963 by the International Society of Christian Endeavor, there has already been a second printing of the words and music.

While intended primarily to emphasize the 1963-65 biennial theme, based on Philippians 4:13, the message of the song is timeless. While intended primarily to challenge youth, it has a challenge for all ages. A most singable song, it contains a firm declaration of dependence upon Christ for all things.

Two of the most eager users of "THROUGH CHRIST I CAN" are Dr. and Mrs. Walter D. Eddowes, Minister of Music and Organist-Recitalist respectively at the great Auditorium in Ocean Grove, New Jersey. A world famous Christian resort, now in its 95th anniversary season, Ocean Grove is a fountain of evangelical Christian witness which draws people from all over North America to its great meetings. Dr. and Mrs. Eddowes, who have just completed a glorious ministry of sixteen years at the First Presbyterian Church, Huntington, West Virginia, are known intimately to Christian Endeavorers, especially in the eastern part of the United States. They have been at Ocean Grove for 32 years.

"THROUGH CHRIST I CAN" is being used at Ocean Grove in their youth meetings, and in the meetings daily at Youth

Temple, and in many other ways as part of the musical program. Perhaps the most significant use of it was at the 10th Annual Choir Festival on July 12. With massed choirs totalling 700 members and a congregation of 6,000, it was a truly great musical feast. And Christian Endeavor's theme chorus was used.

Dr. Eddowes writes that their weekly congregations are anxious to secure the music of "THROUGH CHRIST I CAN," and the 100 young singers in the youth choir have committed it to memory.

We rejoice that this little piece is so wonderfully received. With every copy goes our prayer that the song may be the theme song of each individual committed Christian who sings it.

Editor's Note: "Through Christ I Can" chorus sheets are available from the International Society at 5c each, 25c per dozen, \$1.50 per hundred.

September Schedule

5-7—Texas Officers'-Workers' Conference, Camp Leakey

Contact: Mr. Charles Meek, Box 37, Arcadia 77517

5-7—Michigan Fall Retreat, Waldenwoods, near Hart

Contact: Mr. Elwood Dunn, 16524 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 48203

11-13—Illinois Officers Retreat, New Salem State Park, Petersburg

Contact: Miss Veva C. Steen, 2104 East Adams, Springfield 62703

19—Wisconsin Junior-Junior High Convention, Pilgrim Camp, Green Lake

Contact: Miss Fern Miller, N89 W16988 Roosevelt Drive, Menomonee Falls 53051

25-26—Pennsylvania Fall Executive Committee, Bedford

Contact: Mr. Gordon McMordie, 33 Bridle Path Lane, Feasterville 19048

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!

COVER CLUES

Among Endeavorers enjoying Christian Endeavor Day at the New York World's Fair were Mary and Cynthia Spargo with Ronald and June Brown of Salem Baptist Church, Hillingdon, Middlesex, England. More pictures on Page 6.

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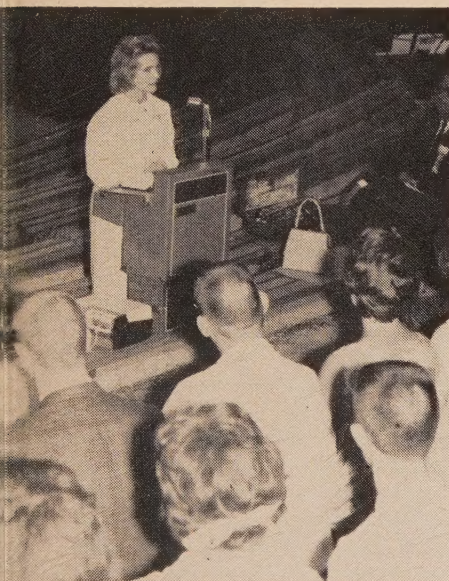
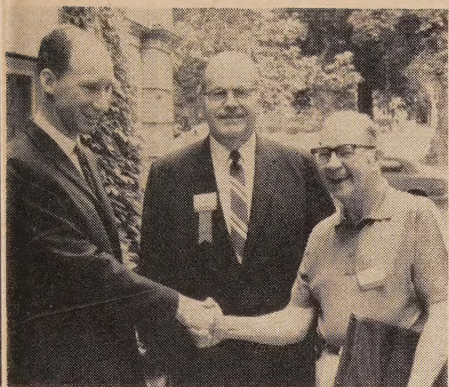
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International Summer Assembly delegates call it

"A Wonderful Experience"

Four representative delegates at the International Summer Assembly July 6-11 at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, were asked to write their comments following the sessions. The Assembly was sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor as a week of study and training, under the direction of Rev. Christian A. Tirre, educational secretary.

Linetta G. Hayes of Broseley, Missouri, graduated from high school this year; she enters college in the fall to prepare to become a doctor.

The week of the International Summer Assembly at Otterbein College was one which I, for one, shall never forget. During the week there were lives rededicated and souls pledged anew to God's work. It was a week of prayer, of decisions, of thought, and certainly and quite naturally a week of fun. But, most important, it was a week filled with Christian experiences and Christian witness.

One of the aspects of the Assembly which I feel benefitted the youth delegates tremendously was the Quiet Hour each morning. During this hour we had the opportunity to collect our thoughts and turn them toward God. This was the time set aside each day especially for Bible reading and prayer and for meditation.

Another aspect I feel was most beneficial to me was the discussion periods. During these times I was able to learn what other Christian young people held as their principles and beliefs, and, although we were usually never united in our thinking, it was spiritually enlightening to hear about the experiences and convictions of other Christian youth.

It was a privilege to meet young people from many other states and from Canada, and the week was filled with many good times and fellowship together. One fact which was impressed upon my mind was that we, as Christian youth, have so many things in common—we have similar problems, similar shortcomings, and similar successes.

This was my first year at an international conference and I say without reserve that it was one of the most inspirational and most profitable times I have ever spent. During this week I gained a new concept of what Christian Endeavor stands for and how it fits into a person's everyday life. And fitting Christian principles and goals into one's everyday life should be the purpose of every Christian Endeavorer.

I can think of many words which would describe one or more aspects of the Summer Assembly — inspirational, educational, informative, enlightening, challenging, hilarious, heartwarming—and I think all these qualities added up to make a wonderful week.

Photos by Warren Lund

PHOTOS FROM TOP RIGHT (counterclockwise)—Closing night group demonstrations were in form of a political convention; TOP LEFT—Rev. H. Norman Pell of the Billy Graham team, former Australian Christian Endeavor leader, with Harold E. Westerhoff (center) and Arch J. McQuilkin (left); SECOND—Mrs. Joan Winmill Brown speaks at Vespers; THIRD—The "Four D's" of Columbus, Ohio, singing at opening mass rally; BOTTOM—A truly international Assembly with David Herrera of Mexico City (left) and Shirley M. Fretz of Ontario (right) as they appeared with Harold Westerhoff and song leader Ralph E. Robrahn.

"A week I'll never forget"

Becky Ruhl, 17 years old, is a member of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Covington, Ohio, top society citizenship winner.

We did many different things at the Assembly. We had Chapel every morning and Vespers every night. These services had wonderful speakers—sometimes members of the Billy Graham team and sometimes members of our own staff. Their messages meant a lot to me. Rev. Howard C. Jones, a Negro minister, spoke on a verse found in Colossians: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Mrs. Joan Winnill Brown, a very beautiful woman who had been a British screen star until her conversion, gave us her testimony of how Jesus had given her peace when everything else had failed. Bishop Clyde W. Meadows told us how East German youth have to worship God in secret, whispering their hymns so as not to be heard.

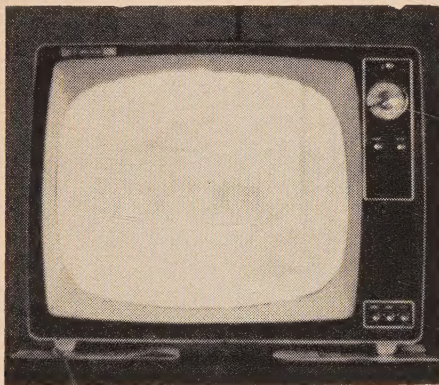
We had a depth Bible study, too. My own minister, Rev. Clair E. Beatty, led us in studying a chapter a day from the book of Colossians. This kind of study is interesting and necessary. Informal interest areas on Communism, Christian vocations, and the Christian home were scheduled for two of our evenings at Otterbein. I chose to attend Christian vocations one night and Communism another night. Each group had a leader who led a discussion in which all took

part. After this was over, everyone wandered into the snack shop to get something to eat before going to bed.

Singing was something that we did all the time—at meals, at services, or wherever we were. Can you imagine hearing "I've Been Working on the Railroad," "Three Blind Mice," and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" sung at the same time? We sang things like that at meals, and it got pretty confused! At our services we sang lively choruses from our Christian Endeavor songbook. I think our singing was at its best, however, on the last evening when we had our mock convention.

In this convention we were the Christian Endeavor party with Jesus for our candidate. Each of our three classes—Evangelism, Christian Endeavor Essentials, and Christian Citizenship—had a part. The class which I was in, Evangelism, had the keynote message. We used words which began with each letter of the word *evangelism*. For each word we did something, such as sing a song, have a skit, read Scripture, have a short message, or read a poem. The other groups then presented their programs. Everybody had a part in some way, and everybody had a wonderful time. That evening finished up one of the best weeks of my life.

PHOTOS FROM TOP (counterclockwise)—Each day opened with a personal Quiet Hour; SECOND—Taping a program for a radio news broadcast (from left) Rev. Christian A. Tirre, Conrad K. Clippinger II, Bruce Vliek, Arch M. McQuilkin, Arlene Zavitz, Ralph E. Robrahn, and Elwood Dunn, interviewer; THIRD—Conrad Clippinger, Endeavorer of the Year, and Margaret Jean Leseiko, top individual citizenship winner, were interviewed one morning by Tom Ryan over Columbus station WBNS-TV; FOURTH—Mrs. Samuel Vander Meer of Morris Fork, Kentucky, Friday Chapel speaker; BOTTOM LEFT—Largest delegation traveled by chartered bus from Evansville, Indiana; BOTTOM RIGHT—Fun time after a good meal in Barlow Dining Hall.



"Everybody had a part"

Raymond Bartholomew, 1964 graduate from Westminster College, lives at Mercer, Pennsylvania. He wrote his comments en route to the Republican Convention in San Francisco.

The 1964 International Summer Assembly at Otterbein College was a truly inspirational experience. To fellowship with Endeavorers from all over the continent was indeed a unique opportunity, and we all had loads of fun together.

But more than this, we came to a deeper understanding of the purposes and goals of Christian Endeavor, and we came to a much fuller comprehension of the will and way of Jesus Christ. It thrilled my heart to hear four boys from Indiana tell me that the messages and conference discussions had really been "hitting home," and they pledged themselves to the immediate task of reshaping their lives into "living examples of Christ." Isn't this wonderful!

Of all the activities of the week, I feel that the young people benefitted most from the afternoon conferences and from the conference discussion periods in which we planned our roles for the Fri-

day night convention of the Christian Endeavor party. I say this not because I am a political scientist, but because I see the value in any project that gives Endeavorers experience in planning and organizing. The convention taught the young people how to cooperate and work as a team. It also gave many of them their first opportunity to speak before a large group. This training is so very important, and I commend the leaders for including the convention in the Summer Assembly program.

With the keynote message of evangelism, with our platform of the Christian Endeavor pledge, principles, and purposes, and with the Master at the head of our party, we can achieve victory after victory. From this 1964 Summer Assembly we have indeed received a challenge, and we go forth prepared to campaign all over the globe "for Christ and the Church."

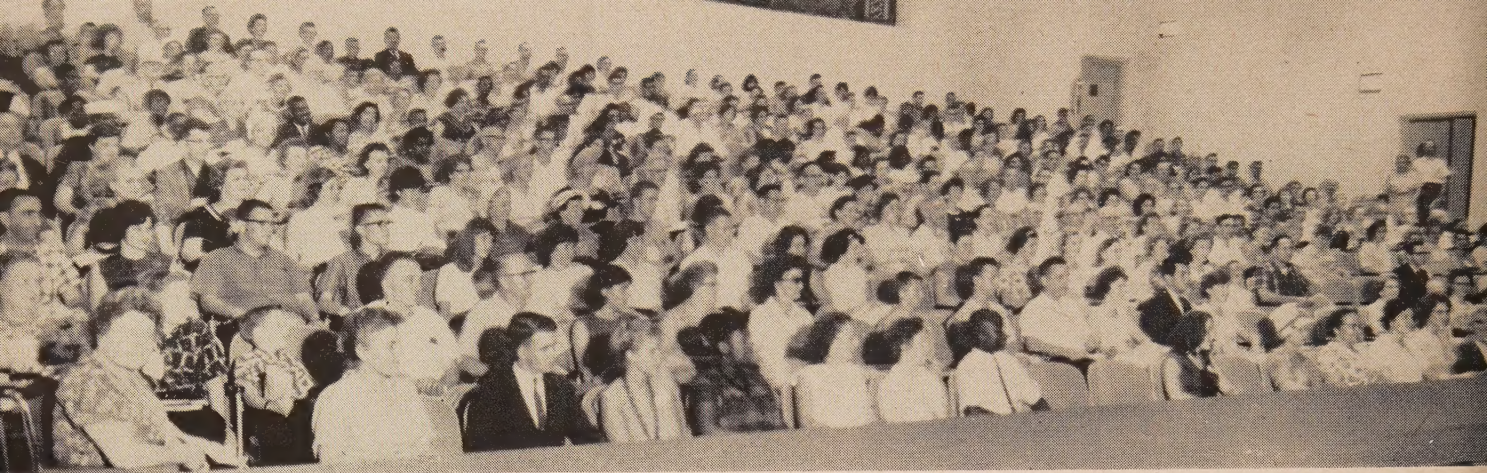
"Filled with fun and fellowship"

Glenn Chadwick, 14-year-old Endeavorer from Toronto, Ontario, is active in Cooke's Presbyterian Church.

I found the Summer Assembly filled with fun and fellowship. New friends were made quickly and new ideas were picked up. Our discussion groups gave us a chance to express our opinions and helped us to learn the opinions of others. Our recreation times gave us an opportunity to let off steam. Our Talent Time on Tuesday night gave us all a chance to show our special talents and good points. Our times of fellowship were many and were filled with fun and enjoyment. I felt that the Assembly was a complete success and I am looking forward to going to Dallas.

PHOTOS FROM TOP (clockwise)—Lawrence L. Hanby of Texas, Assembly pianist, surrounded by delegates for an informal sing; SECOND—Ralph E. Robrahn of Michigan, song leader, is associate president of the International Society; THIRD—Selling THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD are (from left) David Hildreth, Diane Gates, and Lawrence Hanby; BOTTOM RIGHT—Mixer at Tuesday's recreation period directed by Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk of Michigan; BOTTOM LEFT—Rev. and Mrs. Christian A. Tirre (right) lead informal interest group discussion on Communism.



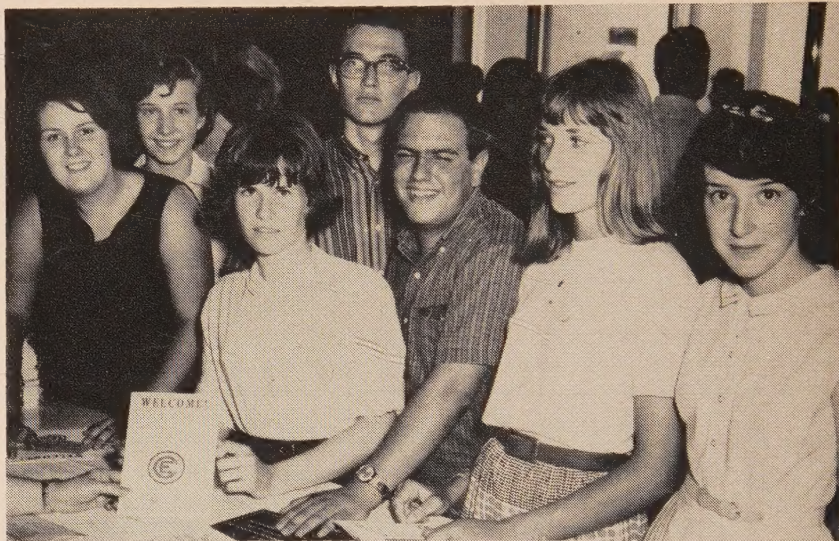
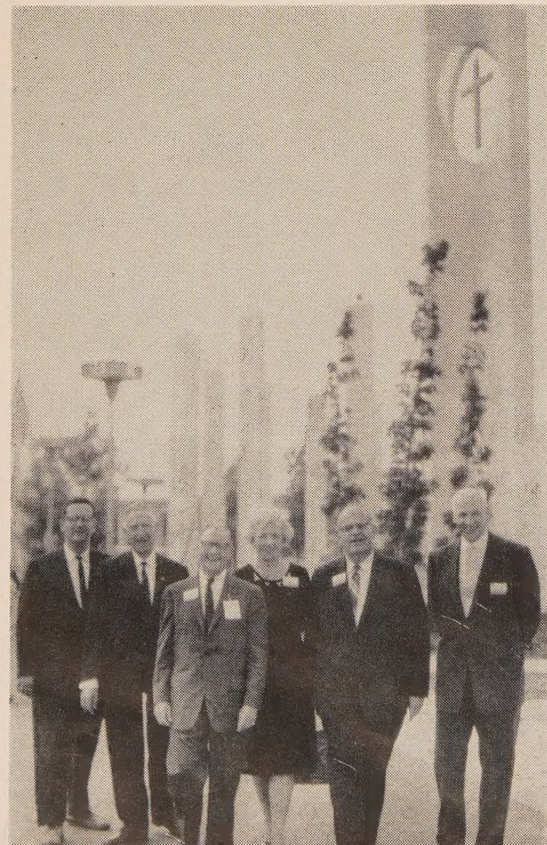


Endeavorers filled every seat and overflowed the stairways

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR AT THE FAIR

JULY 18 was Christian Endeavor Day at the New York World's Fair. Approximately 500 Endeavorers crowded into the Protestant and Orthodox Center for the 2:15 service when George H. Nelson of Australia was the speaker. Rev. G. Barrett Rich of the Center said this was the largest crowd to date. He paid tribute to Christian Endeavor which helped guide him into the ministry.

LEADERS pictured outside the Center are (from left) Rev. Christian A. Tirre, George H. Nelson, Arch J. McQuilkin, Mildred A. L. Christgau, Harold E. Westerhoff, and Milton G. Billard, who was chairman of the planning committee.



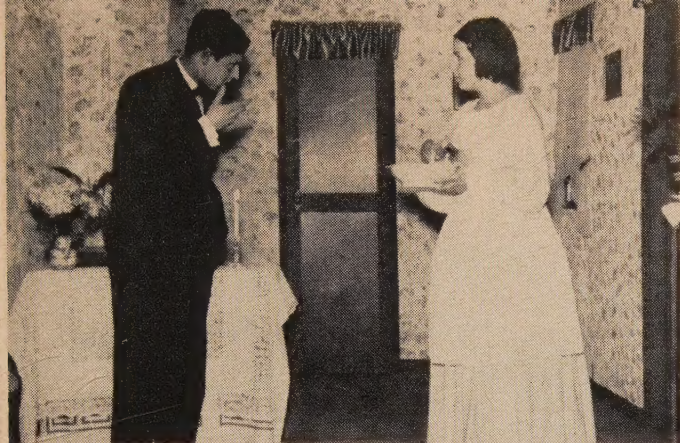
BUSLOADS of Pennsylvanians swelled the crowds at the Registration Desk. These youth are from Philadelphia. In addition to Australia, England, and Germany, Endeavorers were present from the District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Photos by C. Manley DeBevoise

GOLDEN RULE Endeavorers from Washington, D.C., provided special music and led the devotions. A Junior Choir from Throop Memorial Presbyterian Church, New York, also sang. The famed Coventry Cross is in the background.



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A PAGEANT showing the founding of the first Christian Endeavor society was given by Portuguese Endeavorers at the 83rd anniversary celebration held at the Church of the Saviour of the World (Episcopalian) February 2 in conjunction with the movement's 37th anniversary in Portugal. Rev. Agostinho F. Arbiol, president of the Portuguese Union, wrote the history and directed the dramatization. Youth from his society at Torne-Vila Nova de Gaia were the actors.

How Will You Observe Christian Endeavor Week?

Christian Endeavor's next birthday observance will not be held until January 31-February 7, 1965, but it is not too early now to make plans for this special event.

The 1965 Christian Endeavor Week packet has just been issued. It contains many items related to the theme, "My All For Christ." The Manual prepared by Genevieve M. Bartholomew of Pennsylvania includes program and activity suggestions, publicity ideas, birthday banquet plans, and other helps. The radio program entitled "The Ministry of Christian Endeavor" was prepared by Mrs. Wesley H. Brown, Congo missionary who has just returned to the United States. Ralph E. Robrahn of Michigan wrote the television program, while plans for a Hidden Treasure Party were prepared by W. Bruce McLeran of Colorado.

All of these items plus other helpful materials are included in the packet which is available for 50c from Christian Endeavor Headquarters, Columbus.

Christian Endeavor Jubilee at Pingelap

By Dr. Harold F. Hanlin

The people of Pingelap Atoll, 160 miles southeast of Ponape in the Caroline Islands, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the origin of the Christian Endeavor society on their island last May. The population of Pingelap is about 800, and an additional 100 visitors came for the week in which the three-day celebration was held. Although they are not all active members of the Christian Endeavor society, everyone joined enthusiastically in the activities of those days in which nothing else occupied their minds or attracted their attention.

Dr. Harold F. Hanlin of Ponape, the Field Secretary for the Micronesia Mission of the United Church Board for World Ministries, was the only "foreigner" present for that occasion. He was the honored guest of the island and the principal speaker for the anniversary service on May 19.

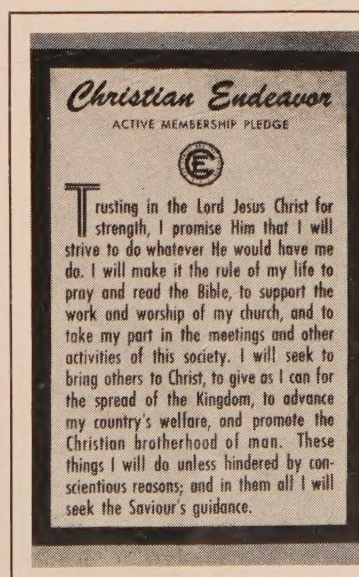
The Christian Endeavor movement was introduced to Pingelap by four men fifty years ago. The three-day program and all of its related activities were planned and carried out by four groups of Christian Endeavor members, each group led by the principal male descendant of those four men. These groups provided food for the guests during their stay on the island. They each had a choir which sang special songs at meal-times and on all the programs. They kept the guests decorated with fresh flower leis daily, and they sent them away in true Micronesian fashion, laden with many gifts.

The program of the first day featured talks by the principal guests and leading men of the Pingelap Church. Before the main service of the day, a large parade was held up and down the main street of the village, led by the Christian Endeavor officers, and with all the members wearing colorful clothing and flower leis and carrying banners. The second day was given over to talks by the officers and committee members of the Pingelap Christian Endeavor Society, and on that evening a song service of praise and rejoicing was held which lasted far into the night.

In accordance with island custom,

the third day brought the celebration to a climax with a huge feast, featuring roasted pigs and taro, and great quantities of all the other local foods and delicacies.

The whole celebration was characterized by a joyful spirit of cooperation and of gratitude for the blessings which the Christian Endeavor movement has brought to the island. The movement should now continue to grow in its influence for good, especially as it challenges the island young people to give themselves more completely to the service of Christ and His Church at Pingelap.



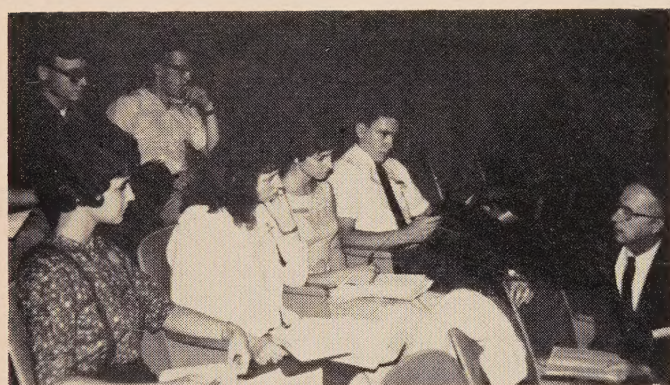
Your Society Needs a Framed Wall Pledge

Simple instructions for framing Christian Endeavor wall pledges, prepared by Rev. Ray Zimmerman, are now available.

They will be supplied without charge with every wall pledge ordered from the International Society. Wall pledges are 22" x 34" enlargements of the Junior Pledge and pledge forms No. 2, 3, and 4. Cost is \$2.25 each.

If you already have a wall pledge and would like to have the framing instructions, request a copy from Headquarters.

YOUTH ASSEMBLY IN ACTION



Rest time each day for other International Summer Assembly delegates was really work time for those appointed by unions and denominations as representatives to the Youth Assembly. Special assignments included preparing a rough draft of the 1967 Senior High-Young People's topics and a draft of the 1965-67 edition of "A Vital Program for Youth," based on the new biennial theme to be introduced at Dallas.

Bruce Vlieg of Michigan, Youth Assembly chairman, presided. Ralph E. Robrahn, International Society associate president, served as advisor and led daily devotions. Annita M. Wheeler took minutes. Above are three of the topics study groups in action and a photo of leaders in conference (upper left).



1964 WINNERS of the top society award in the Citizenship Awards Program were these members of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Covington, Ohio. They sponsored a community-service project which reached a total of 1,050 persons. Their award was \$200 in cash plus a grant of \$100 for expenses of representatives at the International Summer Assembly.

You Can Be a 1965 Citizenship Winner

Recognition awaits individual Endeavorers and Christian Endeavor societies which are judged winners in the 1965 Citizenship Awards Program.

Individual awards will be given for significant articles, editorials, talks, posters, black and white photographs, or cartoons, while group awards will be based on sponsoring and reporting a Christian citizenship activity. Entries should implement the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and must provide a Christian witness to the community. Items from May 31, 1964, to February 15, 1965, may be entered.

Individual entries will be evaluated on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used, the manner in which they implement the folder, and their Christian witness to the community. Society entries will be judged on group participation, goals established or achieved, the manner in which they implement the folder, and their Christian witness.

Awards valued at \$1,500 will include cash, grants for attending the International Convention in Dallas, award emblems, plaques, and honor certificates. Write to the International Society for a descriptive folder giving rules and awards.

NEWS AND VIEWS

• **POSTER TIME IS COMING!** Colorful Christian Endeavor posters will be displayed along the streets and highways of the United States and Canada in January and February. Unions are organizing to secure posting space, which is contributed by local poster companies, and to secure contributions from Endeavorers to cover the cost of the posters themselves. The posters carry the message "Young People—Come to Church" and an invitation to "Attend Christian Endeavor." They are available through the International Society at a cost of \$5 each. November 15 is the deadline for placing orders.



Photo by Warren Lund

ILLINOIS ENDEAVORERS used the theme "Christ Our Life" for their annual convention June 12-14 at Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington. Arch J. McQuilkin, International Society president, is giving the closing "after glow" message in the photo. Veva C. Steen was re-elected president.

• **MEETINGS IN DALLAS**, in preparation for the 48th International Convention there next July, are scheduled September 18-21. Arch J. McQuilkin, International Society president, and the three members of the Staff will participate. Meetings with individual committee members and the Dallas Convention Committee will be held, plus a meeting with Dallas District Endeavorers.

• **DELEGATES** at the 4th Pacific Area Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, August 6-9 included three people from Ponape in the Caroline Islands—a missionary and two Ponapeans. Also participating were Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nelson of Australia and Rev. Takashi Oku of Japan, plus a large group of delegates from the United States mainland and from Hawaii. Extra pages will be added to the October issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD for a complete conference report.

• **REGIONAL CONFERENCES** planned for October include the Great Lakes Conference under the direction of Mrs. Roger D. Vander Kolk, which is scheduled for October 3-4 at Winona Lake, Indiana, and the Southern Conference directed by Elsie Mae Sink, to be held October 9-11 at Montreat, North Carolina.

• **NOVEMBER 22-28** is Know Your America Week. To find out how you can participate, write to Rev. Christian A. Tirre, citizenship director of the International Society.

• **WANT A PEN PAL** from Australia, England, Ireland, Scotland, or Germany? Want to exchange a meeting with an overseas society? Write to International Society in Columbus for details.

• **MR. AND MRS. GEORGE H. NELSON** of Australia visited Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus July 24 and led devotions. An informal coffee hour followed.



WEST BERLIN Endeavorers who visited Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus recently are Rev. and Mrs. Heinrich Kamphausen, shown above with Harold E. Westerhoff (right). Mr. Kamphausen has been for many years an employed secretary of the German Union.



THE UNIQUE Christian Endeavor Club of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., observed its 27th anniversary recently. This alumni group was organized from a society which started in 1917 to serve men and women coming to Washington during World War I and grew to over a hundred members. Most of the present 45 club members are charter members since its inception in 1937. Current president is Major Ruby Sharples, USAF. The group meets monthly in the homes of members. Activities include an annual banquet and picnic and meetings at the Aged Women's Home and Central Union mission. Annual dues of \$2 and special offerings support the over \$700 yearly budget.

Ready - for - YOUth RESOURCES

An Installation Service

by Rev. James J. Dracup

Field Secretary, New Jersey
Christian Endeavor Union

The Purpose

The installation of incoming officers serves an important function in a Christian Endeavor society. The purpose of an installation service is to impress upon those being installed the importance of the responsibilities they are about to undertake. Those not holding an office in the society may also be brought to appreciate the work which is done by the officers, and they may learn what is to be expected from them in supporting their officers.

The Preparation

The actual preparation of the installation service will involve two aspects: the spiritual preparation of the installing officer and the materials to be used. No person should be asked to conduct such a service if he cannot see a sense of doing a real service. The first desire of the installing officer should be to make the installation a worshipful service, making devotion the general tone of the meeting. Unless the installing officer sees the value of his task, he can hardly hope to inspire consecration in others.

The materials used may vary. Many ideas have been incorporated into installation services with much success, but there are patterns in each service. For example, the following sample program includes the use of candles, for it is difficult to stray from this "rule of thumb." Symbols may be used indicating the individual offices: gavel for the president, minute book for the secretary, offering plate for the treasurer, etc. Other ideas to incorporate are music, poetry, and prayer.

Before the actual installation service takes place, it is well to do two things. First, send out personal invitations to each member of your society, plus the parents of those to be installed, and the pastor, even though he will probably have a major part in the service. Second, mail a copy of the Christian Endeavor pledge to each of the officers as a reminder of what they are to live up to. In addition, you could make up a poster, including pictures, date, time, and purpose of the meeting, with an invitation to all church members and parents to attend. The poster should be displayed in a prominent place in the church.

The Program

Those to be installed are seated across the front of the church in the proper order of importance, e.g., president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, etc. The OPENING HYMN should be one of service, such as *Give of Your Best to the Master or Joy in Serving Jesus*. This is followed by a PRAYER for guidance in the coming service and throughout the year. The installing officer then gives an EXPLANATION of the purpose of the meeting and the significance of the young people's work in the church program. Following this, one verse of another HYMN is sung by the congregation, such as *Jesus Calls Us*.

The installing officer calls the newly-elected officers to the front of the church; they come forward and face him, not the congregation. He then proceeds in the following vein: "We are gathered together in the sight of our Lord to pledge Him our willingness and faithful service in the work we are to undertake during the coming year." Each officer should be prepared to recite or read his or her VERSE OF SCRIPTURE which has previously been assigned or has been personally chosen, regarding service. Suggested verses would include:

Romans 12:1,2	Romans 12:16	I Peter 5:8
Hebrews 13:17	Colossians 3:17	II Timothy 2:22
John 5:39	I Corinthians 16:13	Romans 14:13
James 1:5	Titus 2:9,10	James 5:16

After the president reads his verse of Scripture, the installing officer gives this CHARGE: "The presiding officer of this society is the pacer. He must be spiritual, businesslike, and convincing. He must know ahead of time what his goal is and have some working ideas to achieve that goal. He is a person of action and aggressiveness, not afraid to move forward with and for the society. The

symbol of this office is the gavel. (*He reaches for the gavel and presents it to the new president.*) To you, _____, Mr. President, I present this gavel from the _____ Christian Endeavor Society." The pastor now advances and, placing his hand on the president's shoulder, leads in PRAYER for him in his new office. This direct, personal prayer of commitment is something the individual never forgets.

After the president is seated, the installing officer next approaches the vice-president (*after the latter has read his verse of Scripture*), and says, "The second in command also holds a very important position, as he too must be aggressive, ever ready to take control when the president is absent. As the vice-president he is in charge of (*membership, devotions, etc.*). His main duty is to help the president as much as possible in carrying out the many duties and details of the work." The pastor again advances, places his hand on the vice-president's shoulder and offers prayer on his behalf. The vice-president is then seated.

The next officer to be approached is the treasurer. He reads his verse, and the pastor says, "Your job is one that can help prosper the society. Here is a position demanding honesty and integrity. The treasurer must be accurate in keeping his records and have a sense of saving as well as spending, remembering always that it is the Lord's money with which he has been entrusted." Once again the pastor offers prayer for the individual officeholder.

After the treasurer is seated, the secretary is approached. He reads his verse and hears the following, "This position offers little thanks but requires dependability and neatness. The secretary must be careful to get all the details of the meeting, seeing that nothing of value escapes the record. He must keep the records orderly and protect them from distortion and mutilation. All records should be kept in a place where they will be available for reference at a moment's notice. Accuracy is an important requirement of this office." The pastor prays also for this officer before he is seated.

Those who are chairmen of various committees may then be approached as a group. Their admonition is as follows: "These offices make it possible to be in closest touch with the society members. Diligence here means constant effort to know and to supply the needs of the society. It means getting others to participate at any cost to oneself. In a sense, you are the individual shepherd of your own small flock."

The officers now stand together, face the audience, and sing the HYMN *O, Jesus, I Have Promised*, after which they take their original seats to hear the INSTALLATION MESSAGE. The message should be brief and to the point. Following the message, the pastor begins a CANDLELIGHTING ceremony by lighting a large white candle indicating Christ, the light of the world. (*The lights of the auditorium should not be extinguished.*) Since the light we have must come from Him, each officer will take his smaller white candle, which he has in his possession, and light it from the large candle. This indicates the light that he will be in the world. As the candles are being lit, the counselor reads the Christian Endeavor PLEDGE aloud so the congregation knows what the officers are pledging.

After the pledge is read, each officer is asked to give his pledge before God and the congregation as witnesses. The pastor asks the officers individually or as a group, "Do you promise to keep this pledge, by God's grace, to the best of your ability?" Each new officer signifies by saying, "I do." At the conclusion of the promises (done with only the light of the candles), the pastor leads in PRAYER for the new officers, committing them to God in His service. The hymn *More Love to Thee*, is sung as a SOLO, as the officers march out with lighted candles, forming a receiving line in the rear of the church. (*The candles are extinguished at the end of the song.*) The congregation leaves during a RECESSIONAL to greet the new officers.

Topics

FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Topic 1 in a Unit: Devotional Life

My Body -- Broken for You

I Corinthians 10:16,17

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Call to Worship
Scripture: John 15:12-14
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Hymns: *Break Thou the Bread of Life; Give of Your Best to the Master*
Scripture: I Corinthians 10:16,17
Sentence Prayers
Meet the Minister
Leader's Introduction
Topic Talks
Counselor's Call
Hymn: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*
Benediction

Publicity

The Publicity Committee should always be active, planning and working to make your Christian Endeavor known to young people in the community. The International Society has a large supply of advertising and publicity materials. Write for a list if you do not already have one. Address your letter to: International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

Several things are available which will fit into your need for school supplies. Think about these, make a selection, and order for all members of your society:

Plasticcoat Book Cover—in red and black on white background, with information about Christian Endeavor, 20c.

Portfolio—white cardboard folder with Christian Endeavor monogram and motto in red ink, 25c.

Retractable Ball Point Pen, also with Christian Endeavor monogram and motto, 25c.

These items will advertise your Christian Endeavor Society and give you a talking point with your friends at school.

For the Leader

You should talk with your minister about the communion service in your church. Invite him to meet with you, to give a short talk on communion, and to sit in with the society on the topic discussion. Before the meeting begins,

introduce the minister and show your appreciation for his visit.

You should also make arrangements for some extra materials for this topic. Write to your denominational headquarters and get all available information on the communion service as it is practiced by your church. Get leaflets, booklets, etc. which explain your practice. Make these available to each member of your society. Know what your church believes and why.

Counselor's Call

The counselor's call will be the last thing before the final hymn and benediction. This should be a challenge for Junior High youths to practice what they learn. A Christian, regardless of age, should never miss an opportunity to take communion.

The counselor may direct this in any way he chooses. Just be sure that emphasis is placed on remembering the sacrifice of Christ. This may be a dedication service, or you may desire to have communion in your Christian Endeavor meeting with the proper leaders in charge, of course. In either event make this a very sacred service with stress on our nearness to God at a time like this.

Suggested Activities

Christian youth are happiest when they are active. At this season of the year several activities are appropriate. You may want to consider a fall festival. Halloween is also coming in a very short time. You might want to work with UNICEF and help boys and girls know the joy of working for other people. If you use a Halloween activity you might discuss the original meaning of the day. Point out that at one time this was a hallowed night of prayer before All Saints' Day.

There may be some special need in your community at which your members could work. Look for a children's home, a home for the aged, or some similar place where the society could be a witness for Christ and the Church.

Reformation Sunday may also present an idea for special activity. Check your calendar, and speak to the minister or



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Sunday School superintendent. One of them may make some suggestion which will fit in with the over-all program of your church.

Topic Talks

World-Wide Communion Sunday

All over the world, in Christian churches, people are taking Communion today. The form will vary in different churches, even in the same denomination. Some will take Communion at the altar of their church. Others will receive the bread and wine in their pews. In spite of these differences all will have one thing in common. God's people will remember His Son on this day.

Our Devotional Life

This topic and the one for next Sunday both point to a greater devotional life for God's people. When we take part in Communion we receive strength from God. We remember the sacrifice of His Son, and we are better because we are close to Him. Because we all remember on the same day we receive world-wide strength, and we unite our prayers and thoughts together for better things under His leadership.

A Sacred Time

Communion is a sacred time. It is a time when we know God is with us. It is a time when we feel His presence because we remember His Son. Some churches make the time more sacred by having a candlelight service. Some use other methods to make the service more meaningful. Let us consider the service in our own church. How do our ministers and officers make this service different from other services? (Take time for discussion.)

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The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper or Communion started when Jesus called together His apostles and ate the Passover feast with them. During the meal our Lord started what we now call His Supper.

Let us recall some things about the Passover feast. This started when Moses was leading God's people out of bondage in Egypt. The story is told in the twelfth chapter of Exodus. Every year after this event God's people remembered their deliverance from bondage. They had a great feast and taught their children about God's goodness to them.

The first record of Jesus' attending a Passover feast is found in the book of Luke. He was a twelve-year-old boy when His parents took Him to Jerusalem for the Passover. It was at this time that He was lost for three days. When Mary and Joseph found Him, He was in the temple talking with the great men of His day.

At the time of our Scripture reading about twenty years later, Jesus was back in Jerusalem for the Passover. This was the last time He would observe the Passover. This was the last week of His life on earth. He started His Supper that we might remember His delivering us from sin just as God's people had remembered their deliverance from Egypt.

How Jesus Prepared

On the day of the Passover, Jesus sent some of His apostles to make ready for the feast. They found a place in an upper room. Here Jesus had them take the items which made up the feast.

Leaders in our church also must prepare for the Communion service. They get the necessary supplies which will be used. Christian youth should think about this preparation now. Before many years members of the Christian Endeavor societies will be church leaders. It will be our job to make this preparation. The more we learn now, the better we can lead when the time comes.

Be Prepared

There is more to being prepared for Communion than getting the supplies which will be used. The heart must also be prepared. We must come into the service with the right attitude. We must go to Communion in a spirit of prayer. Until we actually feel the sacred presence of God and remember Jesus' sacrifice for us we cannot really participate in Communion.

The Bread

The bread which is used in Communion is prepared especially for this service. It has a special meaning. It represents the broken body of our Lord. Notice what He said when He gave the bread to His apostles: "This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). As we take the bread in the Communion service we must remember that it represents the body of Jesus which He gave on the cross of Calvary for our salvation.

The Wine

Notice also what Jesus said when He took the cup and gave it to His apostles. "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you" (Luke 22:20). Jesus became a sacrifice on the cross that our sins might be forgiven. In the Old Testament animals were sacrificed for a sin offering to God. Jesus became this sacrifice for us. When He shed His blood, this was a lasting sacrifice for all people. Never again would such a sacrifice need to be made.

As we drink the Communion wine, we follow the example of the apostles in the upper room when Jesus started the Lord's Supper. We do this to remember what He did for us.

In Remembrance of Me

Many Communion tables have these words written on them: "In Remembrance of Me." Stop for a minute and think what this means to each of us. When we remember Him, we think of His birth as the Son of God. We think of His example on earth. He lived without sin or evil. He taught that we should love our enemies. Last of all we think of His death on the cross. He went to the cross willingly that we might believe on Him and be forgiven for sin. We remember His blood which can cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Lord's Table

The Communion table is not man's. It belongs to God. All of its meaning is found in God and His Son. Even though man prepares the food, the bread and wine, it is prepared for the glory of God. Even though men ask the blessing on the bread and wine, they are God's. They are the symbols of the sacrifice of His Son.

Notice that Jesus asked the blessing on both the bread and wine before He gave it to His apostles. Everything which was done at the first Communion is carried out in similar form today. We follow the example of our Lord and Saviour when we take part in the Communion service. With this service we should also

remember to carry out other examples which He left for us.

Search the Scriptures

We should search the Scriptures to learn all we can about the Lord's Supper. Accounts can be found in Matthew 26, Mark 14, and Luke 22. Most scholars also believe that this is the supper in John 13 at which Jesus washed the feet of the apostles. We find the story in I Corinthians, from which our Scripture reading for this topic is taken. To have a better knowledge we might also go back to the beginning of the Passover and read about the feast from which Jesus started His Supper. This account is given in Exodus 12.

Songs for Communion

We should also learn about some of the music which is appropriate at Communion time. Let us look in the index of our church hymnal and see those listed as being appropriate for the Lord's Supper. (*Take time to discuss the meaning of these hymns.*)

Unworthy

Only believers in Christ take part in this sacred service. There are spiritual conditions which the Scriptures set up for us. In the Daily Bible Readings found at the end of this topic we will find some of these conditions. Look at the reading for Saturday, October 3. Paul gave the story of the first Communion and also set up some conditions for partaking. Note what he said about those who are unworthy (*read I Corinthians 11:27.*) Each of us must examine himself. We know if we truly believe in Christ. We know if we are following His will. If we are not living according to His example, we are unworthy to take His Communion.

No one can tell us when we are worthy. Only the individual and God know this. For this reason we should spend time in prayer and Bible reading before Communion time. We should examine ourselves. We should be sure of the way we feel about God. When we are ready, we should commune and remember the reasons for which Christ died.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 28	A Great Love	John 15:12-17
T. Sept. 29	A Time of Communion	
		Luke 24:29-35
W. Sept. 30	Do I Love Him?	John 21:9-17
T. Oct. 1	A Great Fellowship	Acts 2:41-47
F. Oct. 2	Adequate Preparation	
		Matthew 5:21-24
S. Oct. 3	The Lord's Supper	
		I Corinthians 11:23-29
Sun. Oct. 4—Topic:	My Body—Broken for You	
	I Corinthians 10:16,17	
	(World-Wide Communion Sunday)	

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Topic 2 in a Unit: Devotional Life

My Upper Room

Acts 1:4-14

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Opening Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Call to Worship
Scripture: Romans 12:1,2
Prayer
Hymns: *Have Thine Own Way; Near to the Heart of God*
Scripture Lesson: Acts 1:4-14
Leader's Introduction
Topic Talks
Be a Witness (Court Scene)
Counselor's Preview
Hymn: *I Surrender All*
Benediction

Peter. The judge will call for each witness. Each one will take the stand and give his witness by reading certain passages to be selected from the book of Acts, or he may give his own account of the events experienced by the character whom he is portraying.

Some of the talks of this topic will be helpful but should be used only as a guide. The base of the materials should come from the Scriptures and from the experience and study of the society members. You will need to be careful of the time element. Unless this is well planned or you set aside extra time, you will not be able to complete the topic as it should be done.

As you plan, keep in mind that this topic and the preceding topic are designed to increase the devotional life of society members. This will give strength to their witness and service for Christ and His church.

You Shall Receive Power

Some scholars tell us that Acts 1:8 is the key to the entire New Testament Church. Notice what Jesus said: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." This began to be fulfilled in Acts 2.

The setting of this topic is before the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is before the time of the power which Jesus talked about. What believers did in the upper room was without the spiritual leadership which we enjoy today.



Back to the Father

A part of today's lesson Scripture tells about the ascension of Jesus. With some of His followers the resurrected Christ went to the Mount of Olives, just a short distance from Jerusalem. After He told them about the power of the Holy Spirit He returned to the Father. He left His followers without a leader, at least for a short time.

As He left the earth two men in white clothing spoke to His followers. They said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

What would His followers do now? They had been promised spiritual leader-

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For the Counselor

The list of topics in the near future promises to be very interesting. You may give a short preview of them with stress on special days such as Reformation Sunday, November 1. You may also mention special programs relating to Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, all of which come this quarter. Universal Bible Sunday, December 13, may also offer ideas for a special meeting. The two topics on foreign missions, November 8 and 15, may suggest a returned missionary who could visit the society and speak for you. You might also take the lead in asking the missionary to speak for the entire church. Check with the minister before making this definite.

Make this preview so interesting that each society member will want to be present every Sunday. Again, time is an important element. Do not detract from the over-all program to give this digest of events to come.

Topic Talks

The Living Christ

After the chain of events which led to Jesus' death, He was in the tomb for only three days. On the first Easter morning He came forth to new life. He is still our living Lord today. He is present in our lives. He is with us as we move from place to place. His presence blesses us when we worship Him and do His will.

Publicity and Promotion

Remember the suggestions for last week? Have you placed an order for the school supplies which will advertise your society?

For this season of the year you might use some autumn scenes as display posters for the community. The publicity committee should take the lead in this. You might also plan a Halloween meeting to interest new people and inspire those who attend regularly. You can do a great good by working with UNICEF and gathering money instead of going trick-or-treat. Anything you do in this capacity should be under the direction of the church and in the name of Christ.

Let's Get Together

Frequently the counselor should meet with members of the society who take part in its leadership. Long-range plans should be made to do your best for Christ and the church. Invite the minister and/or the Sunday School superintendent to meet with you, or get needed information from your church council if you have one. Plan ways to work with the church in its over-all program. Outline jobs for the various committees. Get together on the goals and program for the society. Make your plans, and then work at them.

For the Leader

Plan this topic well. Make arrangements to conduct the program like a courtroom scene. This will need to be done well in advance, with specific assignments given at least a week before the lesson. Use Acts 1:13,14 to get the list of witnesses. To follow the pattern which we find among the apostles, the main spokesman will be Simon

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ship. They had been promised that their Lord would return to them. They had known Him as a man from Nazareth, and they had seen Him in resurrected form. They looked forward to His return and also to the power which He had promised to them. But what would they do while they waited for the fulfillment of His promises?

Waiting on the Lord

After Jesus left the earth and returned to the Father, the apostles were at a loss. They had expected their King to set up an earthly kingdom. By His own statement He was king of the Jews. One thing must have been very clear to His followers. They were to wait for the power which He had promised. They were also to wait for His return. When would these things come to pass?

As they waited they gathered for prayer. Together they could find strength and work for the ideas He had taught. In the upper room they must have felt close to Him. They could feel His presence because He had been with them here just a short time before.

In the Upper Room

The Scriptures give us a list of the people who prayed together in the upper room. Peter, the outspoken member of the apostles, must have assumed the position of spokesman for the group. There was more to do than just to wait for the promises of the Lord. The verses following our topic Scripture tell of some of the activity. Judas, who had betrayed the Lord, had taken his own life. Jesus had called twelve men to be His close followers, the apostles. At the suggestion of Peter another godly man named Matthias was chosen to take the place of Judas. The apostolic band was again complete in number, just as Jesus had started it.

All of the activity in the upper room was done in a spirit of prayer. The apostles wanted to be in close contact with God. Jesus had left His mark upon them. He had taught a new way of life. He had prayed to the Father and had taught them to pray. All of this they would continue as they waited for the fulfillment of His promises.

Strength from Others

There is a story of a father who called his seven sons into the house and gave each of them a short stick. He told each one to break the stick. One by one the sticks snapped. The father then gave each boy another stick the same size of

the first. The boys were told to put all of their sticks together. When the sticks had been tied in place, the father then told them to break the bundle of sticks. One by one the boys tried to break the bundle. None could break them. The father then explained the lesson on strength. The separate sticks were easily broken, but when they were put together they could not be broken. "This," he explained, "is the way you boys must work together."

This will show us how we must work together for Christ and the church. This was the strength which the believers had in the upper room. They worked and prayed together. As a group they had strength. As a group they could face the unfriendly world and witness for Christ. Times have not changed since the upper room. We receive strength today when we are united for a common cause.

Sharing

In the upper room the people shared in worship. Each had a place before God. Each worshiped as God was revealed to him. They also shared in prayer. Each prayed for himself and for the others who had assembled. Each shared in fellowship with the others. They had a common cause and a common purpose. They were united in Christ and His service. They were brothers in Christ, each born into the family of God through Christ.

When the believers went into the world they shared in witnessing for Christ. United in purpose and cause they went into the world to witness for Him. History tells us of their success. Not only did they share with each other, but they also shared Christ with everyone they met. In a very short time the way of Christ had spread to all parts of the known world. How wonderful it is to share Christ with those who do not know Him!

A Good Witness

In the courts of our land a good witness tells the truth. Have you seen a court in session? Before the witness takes the stand he lays his hand on the Bible and promises to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. A person who fails to do this is guilty of perjury. He can be fined or imprisoned for this crime.

Jesus spoke of the truth when He was on trial before Pilate. He said that He came into the world to bear witness unto the truth (John 18:37). He said on another occasion that He was the truth (John 14:6). When we go into the world to witness for Christ, we go with

the truth. We go with His story of salvation for all mankind. A good witness will not miss an opportunity to tell others about the Lord he serves.

On the Witness Stand for Christ

We are on the witness stand for Christ every day of our lives. Each time we meet a lost person we are on the stand. Every time we have a choice to make we are on the stand. We are obligated to tell the lost about salvation. We perjure ourselves when we tell anything but truth about Christ and His church. The penalty for this will be much greater than the penalty given by law in the courts of our land.

Witnessing for Christ is very much like witnessing on the stand in a court. When we accept Him as our Saviour we promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. We witness by our daily lives in the service of Christ.

My Upper Room

To be a good worker for Christ and the church we must follow the pattern of the brave men and women in the upper room about which we read in the Scripture. We notice first that they were waiting on the Lord. When they were without spiritual leadership, they prayed and waited for the fulfillment of Christ's promises. Much of our life in church is spent rushing around and doing nothing. When we find ourselves without the right plan or purpose, we might profit by uniting together in prayer.

We notice that the men and women in this upper room had a great faith. Their hopes had been shattered by the death of their king. Still they had faith to believe that He would still fulfill His promises. If our devotional life today is to grow, we must show the same faith which they showed.

The power of God did come to these men. The book of Acts is filled with the work which they did. They went out to the world to work and witness for Him. We often complain that we do not know how to witness. The answer is simple. All we must do is to share the good news of our salvation with others who are lost.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Oct. 5	A New Year	Exodus 12:1-10
T. Oct. 6	A Memorial Day	Exodus 12:11-17
W. Oct. 7	The Upper Room	Mark 14:12-17
T. Oct. 8	Meeting Place for Believers	John 20:19-23
F. Oct. 9	A Place of Prayer	Acts 12:12-17
S. Oct. 10	Fellowship with Christ	Revelation 3:20-22
Sun. Oct. 11—Topic: My Upper Room		Acts 1:4-14

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Topic 1 in a Unit:
Understanding Christ

The Significance of Christ

Matthew 16:13-20



Advertising

At the Sunday School session, have five youth who will be participating in the program work with the leader to present Matthew 16:13-16. Let the leader ask the questions Christ asked. After "Who do men say that I am?" let four speak out in turn representing John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, and a prophet. Then after the question "Who do you say that I am?" let Peter's words come from the fifth person. This would also make a good introduction to the topic as it is to be presented in the youth meeting. Repetition sometimes makes the truth more clear.

A poster could read "Who is this person?" and bear a picture of Christ. Of

course you would add date, time, place, and the name of your group.

The Lookout Committee should make an effort to get out all prospects for this meeting and the next.

Physical Surroundings

To remind all of the presence of Christ, it might be well to have a worship center with a likeness of a Jewish figure, a map of Palestine, a scroll of writing, or the open Bible, and the words "Lo, I am with you always."

Be sure there are ample Bibles on hand for all to use.

If chairs can be arranged, put them in two sections facing each other in a semi-circle. As verses are read members can step out into either an Old or New Testament area to show prophecy or fulfillment.

Pre-meeting Assignments

Have a group prepared as suggested in the advertising section.

Using the Daily Reading taken from Lamentations (3:22-26), have someone prepared to give this as the background, along with the song story, for the hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*.

Begin the meeting time with a brief treasure hunt, looking for assignments for the meeting, written on folded pieces of paper. Limit the number one person can have, so that all can share equally in the meeting. A small picture of Christ could be given as an award, and then kept for use as a prayer reminder or bookmark.

Meeting Sequence

PRE-PRAYER. Prophecy is full of truth, which means Satan will hinder its study in every way possible. Gather for a 15-minute prayer time previous to the starting time, and pray that eyes and hearts will be open to the truth and the proof presented.

INVOCATION SONG: *Come, Thou Almighty King.*

LEADER'S REMARKS. Describe the worship center and seating arrangement so that all will have the feel of being on the ground where Jesus walked.

HYMNS: *Fairest Lord Jesus, I Will Sing the Wondrous Story, O Little Town of Bethlehem, In the Cross of Christ I Glory.*

SCRIPTURE READING for the topic: Matthew 16:13-20.

PRAYER TIME. Call on two to lead, probably a fellow and a girl.

ANNOUNCEMENT BREAK. Let the president preside and call for announcements.

WORSHIP IN GIVING. Maybe the treasurer might tell a little of what some money sent to missions has done according to a letter or news sheet from a missionary. Then all can share in giving. Ushers should have receptacles ready.

HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, with background suggested under assignments.

Aims

To point out the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

To prove without question that He fulfilled prophecy as God's Son.

To encourage youth to present themselves in obedience to the Saviour.

INTRODUCTION OF TOPIC. Men in all ages have wondered about coming events, and even in our day they make predictions about things to come. Some predictions that were considered to be impossible to most people are now a part of our ordinary life. Within the lifetime of our parents have come the airplane, television, and atomic power, to mention only a few things God is allowing men to discover.

Many predictions of men based upon sound scientific ideas have come true; yet we cannot fully depend on men's judgement or ingenuity in all things. The weatherman cannot tell us for sure what tomorrow will bring, since his predictions are based upon conditions beyond his control. When it comes to the mind and soul and the prediction of spiritual events, man is at a loss. God knows what is coming and has prepared wonderful things for His children. Through the Bible we discover that He has spoken through His prophets and has always given the world something to hope for. God keeps His promises, and we will examine the proof tonight.

BIBLE QUIZ. Pass out mimeographed sheets with two parallel columns—one of Old Testament prophecies and the other of their New Testament counterpart. Scramble them as in the O. T. list below. For the leader a key number is given to provide quick correlation. Or with the verses on treasure hunt papers found at the beginning of the meeting, let each New Testament verse be read and the holder of the corresponding Old Testament prophecy follow. Very little prompting should be needed by the leader. In either case, whether the youth match them up on the mimeograph sheet or verbally, have the verses read out loud for all to hear.

New Testament	(Key)	Old Testament
1. John 19:36	(8)	Psalm 22:18
2. Matthew 8:17	(10)	Hosea 11:1
3. Matthew 12:17-7-21	(7)	Isaiah 7:14
4. John 12:38	(6)	Micah 5:2
5. Matthew 4:13-16	(1)	Psalm 34:20
6. Matthew 2:5,6	(5)	Isaiah 9:1,2
7. Matthew 1:22,23	(11)	Jeremiah 31:15

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| 8. John 19:24 | (2) Isaiah 53:6 |
| 9. Matthew 13:35 | (3) Isaiah 42:1-4 |
| 10. Matthew 2:15 | (9) Psalm 78:2 |
| 11. Matthew 2:17,18 | (12) Zechariah 9:9 |
| 12. Matthew 21:4,5 | (13) Psalm 69:21 |
| 13. John 19:28 | (4) Isaiah 53:1 |
| 14. John 15:25 | (14) Psalm 35:19 |

SPECIAL NUMBER. This would be a good place to use *Open Mine Eyes that I May See*. It could be a solo or duet, or else sung back and forth by two groups of Junior Highs.

DISCUSSION. Follow the Bible quiz with personal applications of the truth and proof that God makes good on His promises. Here is a suggested list of verses that may have been picked up in the treasure hunt to be used now. The leader can call for them in sequence.

Old Testament Prophecies of Christ

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| 1. Announcement to Satan | Genesis 3:15 |
| 2. Promise to Abram | Genesis 12:3 |
| 3. Promise repeated | Genesis 17:19 |
| 4. Promise to Rebekah | Genesis 24:60 |
| 5. Promise to Jacob | Genesis 28:14 |
| 6. Jacob to his sons | Genesis 49:10 |
| 7. Promise to David | II Samuel 7:16 |
| 8. Immanuel promised | Isaiah 7:13,14 |
| 9. Wonderful Counsellor | Isaiah 9:6,7 |
| 10. Foundation Stone | Isaiah 28:16 |
| 11. Good tidings to meek | Isaiah 61:1,2 |
| 12. Vision of 70 Weeks | Daniel 9:25 |
| 13. Bethlehem birth | Micah 5:2 |
| 14. Desire of all nations | Haggai 2:7 |
| 15. Triumphal entry | Zechariah 9:9 |
| 16. Messenger of covenant | Malachi 3:1 |

Summarize with the thought that these are only a part of the texts that could be used. God's Word is true. He does what He says (Matthew 5:17,18).

The leader may feel that this summary is too big to take on and turn it over to the counselor, respected teacher, youth director, or pastor. Any one of these should be prepared with additional material to prove that Jesus is indeed the Christ, the Son of the Living God. As the Spirit of God leads, an opportunity could be given for decision for Christ.

CLOSING HYMN: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus.

PRAYER TIME, in thankfulness for all that Christ has done for us.

Variation of the Program

Special assignments could be made to work groups in the meeting such as: list all of the names you can find for Jesus in the Old Testament (a good concordance and

Bible dictionary would be needed to do this); list all the prophecies you can find related to His mission in life (guidance would be needed for this group by an adult leader); list all prophecies you can find related to His suffering and death (with a resource leader).

Some discussion could be given to the keeping of a Quiet Hour as a means of discovering Bible facts and applying them to daily life.

Here is additional material regarding prophecies Jesus fulfilled for those who desire further Bible study:

Mankind's Saviour to be born of woman

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| Genesis 3:14,15 | Galatians 4:4 |
| Of the tribe of Judah | |
| Genesis 49:9,10 | Hebrews 7:14 |
| Of the line of David | |
| Isaiah 11:1,10 | Matthew 1:1 |
| To be born of a virgin | |
| Isaiah 7:13,14 | Luke 1:26-35 |
| To be born in Bethlehem | |
| Micah 5:2 | John 7:40-42 |

A forerunner to prepare the way

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| Malachi 3:1,2 | Mark 1:1-7 |
| To be the King of Peace | |
| Zechariah 9:9,10 | Matthew 21:1-9 |
| Betrayed by a disciple | |
| Psalm 41:9 | John 18:1-5 |

The betrayer to return his price

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| Zechariah 11:12, 13 | Matthew 27:3-10 |
| Another chosen for vacant place | |
| Psalm 69:25; 109:8 | Acts 1:15-17,20 |
| Followers forsake Him in His peril | |
| Zechariah 13:7 | Matthew 26:55,56 |

He is scourged, mocked, and abused

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| Isaiah 50:6 | Mark 14:65 |
| He suffers in silence as a lamb | |
| Isaiah 53:4-7 | Mark 15:2-5 |

He is crucified

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| Psalm 22:16 | Luke 23:33 |
| Vinegar and gall are given Him | |
| Psalm 69:20,21 | Matthew 27:33,34 |
| Executioners divide his garments | |
| Psalm 22:18 | John 19:23,24 |

He dies

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| Isaiah 53:8 | Luke 23:46 |
| In death with both wicked and rich | |
| Isaiah 53:9 | Matthew 27:38,57-60 |
| Raised from the dead | |
| Jonah 1:17 | Matthew 12:39,40 |

Ascends to His Father in Heaven

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| Psalm 8:5,6 | Luke 24:50-53 |
| He sends the Holy Spirit | |
| Joel 2:28,29 | Acts 2:1-4 |
| A new covenant promised | |
| Jeremiah 32:38-40 | Acts 4:32,33 |

Righteousness by faith

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| Habakkuk 2:4 | Galatians 3:11,12 |
| Gentiles to be included | |
| Isaiah 49:6 | Acts 10:34,35 |
| Christ to be the cornerstone | |
| Psalm 118:22,23 | Acts 4:11,12 |

This poem might also be read during the time of decision:

The line to Heaven by Christ was made,
With Heavenly truth the rails are laid;
From earth to Heaven the line extends,
To life Eternal, here it ends.
Repentance is the station house,
Where passengers are taken in;
No fee for them is there to pay,
For Jesus is Himself the way.
The Bible is the engineer,
It points the way to Heaven so clear;
Through tunnels dark and heavy here,
It does the way to glory steer.
God's love the fire, His truth the steam
Which drives the engine and the train.
All you who would to glory ride
Must come to Christ, in Him abide.
The coach seat, pullman, or special class,
Repentance, faith and holiness.
You must the way to glory gain,
Or you with Christ can never reign.
Come, then, poor sinner, now is the time,
At any station on the line.
If you repent and turn from sin,
The Train will stop and take you in.

Author unknown

An exercise to help Junior Highs summarize the significance of Christ could be a brainstorming session to bring out characteristics of His person, using the word "significance" to suggest words beginning with the letters of the word. Below are a few suggested ideas:

- S Saviour
- I Intercessor
- G God (equal with)
- N Noble
- I Inspires
- F Frees from sin
- I Interested in our needs
- C Courageous
- A All-sufficient
- N Near at hand
- C Comforter
- E Endures to the end

Follow-up

The leader should encourage Junior Highs to take the list of prophecies fulfilled and keep them in their Bibles or in some handy place at home so that they can use them for reference in the future. Every young person should have a file for material such as this at home. An expanding file is not expensive and can be used many times to find special ideas, poems, and other materials.

Daily Bible Readings

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| M. Oct. 12 | "Thy Light Is Come" | Isaiah 60:1-5 |
| T. Oct. 13 | His Task | Isaiah 61:1-3 |
| W. Oct. 14 | His Mercies | Lamentations 3:22-26 |
| T. Oct. 15 | He Is Light | Luke 2:27-35 |
| F. Oct. 16 | To Save the Lost | Luke 5:27-32 |
| S. Oct. 17 | "In His Name" | Matthew 12:14-21 |
| Sun. Oct. 18—Topic: | The Significance of Christ | Matthew 16:13-20 |

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Topic 2 in a Unit: Understanding Christ

Jesus, Friend of Sinners

Luke 7:34-50



Advertising

Make a good-sized poster. In the center put the words, JESUS—FRIEND. In lines from the center put the words Centurion, Whosoever, Ruler, Wicked Woman, Tax-Collector, and Convicted Criminal. Of course put in the name of group, time, place, and date.

Send out cards to all visitors and those who the Lookout Committee has been praying might be reached for the Lord Jesus Christ through the society.

The announcement for the bulletin or church paper should be in before the deadline. The Sunday School announcement should include a strong invitation for all to attend the youth hour.

For the Leader

The Daily Readings for the week suggest several incidents which could very well be acted out by pre-assignment to those you select to portray each one. They can become living Scriptures. Let members use their ingenuity for sound effects, conversations, etc. Costuming is not too essential, but some distinguishing portrayal of character would be good. Role playing helps to make incidents realistic and long remembered.

You would do well to have a professional person in your church bring a testimony to Junior Highs of how God reached into his life through Christ, and give opportunity for decision at the close.

Pray much that the Lord will melt your own heart and give it a deep love for all the youth you know, both in and out of the church.

Carefully outline your program in black and white and submit it to your counselor a week ahead of the meeting if possible. Then with his approval make your assignments so that those working on their parts can get going.

Program Sequence

PRE-PRAYER TIME. Be sure to meet with the song leader, the pianist, and others who assist you for the last-minute briefing and for prayer to make the meeting one of real blessing to all who attend. Mention in prayer those who have received special invitations.

SONGS. Sing some hymns based on Bible miracles. As the song is announced

Aims

To impress youth that Jesus Christ loves all, regardless of how sinful they may be.
To convince youth that, because of this love, they ought to give Him their hearts and lives.
To show that the best life is one lived for Christ completely.

give a short talk on the miracle. This should help all to sing with deeper understanding. Here are a few suggestions:

Master, the Tempest Is Raging, from Matthew 8:23-27.

Then Jesus Came, which relates several incidents from the Bible.

This One Thing I Know, from the blind man of John 9:25.

I Am the Resurrection and the Life, from Lazarus in John 11.

With Christ in the Vessel, taken from Mark 4:39.

Use any available instrumental talent during the singing. You might think it more effective to sing one hymn before each role playing presentation suggested below.

PRAYER. Ask several members to lead in sentence prayers.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. After the reading of Luke 7:34-50, give each of your young people paper and a pencil. Ask each to name or describe some of the miracles preformed by Christ as a friend of sinners. Allow eight or ten minutes and see who is able to list the most. Have those with the three longest lists read them.

Here's a list to help the leader:

Changing water to wine	John 2
Healing nobleman's son	John 4
Cripple at Bethesda	John 5
Feeding the 5,000	John 6
Man born blind	John 9
Raising of Lazarus	John 11
Leper healed	Matthew 8

Centurion's servant healed	Matthew 8
Peter's mother-in-law healed	Matthew 8
Stilling the waves	Matthew 8
Casting out demons at Gadara	Matthew 8
Woman with issue of blood	Matthew 9
Two blind men healed	Matthew 9
Healing the withered hand	Matthew 12
4,000 fed	Matthew 15
Demons cast out	Mark 1
Raising of Jairus' daughter	Mark 5
Deaf and dumb man healed	Mark 7
Blind man healed	Mark 8
Bartimaeus receives sight	Mark 10
Son of widow of Nain	Luke 7

SPECIAL NUMBER. One of your own members or a member of the church choir might be asked to sing *It Took a Miracle*.

TESTIMONY TIME. Here is an opportunity for youth to tell what Jesus Christ means to them. In telling of one's conversion to Christ, a new strength comes into life, and those who hear glorify God, who has redeemed us from sin.

ROLE PLAYING. Now comes the time for presentation of the six incidents suggested in our Daily Bible Readings for the week.

In each incident plan to put forth the following points:

1. Where the incident took place.
2. Who the characters were.
3. How they came in touch with Jesus Christ.
4. What He did for them.
5. What response there was.
6. What conclusion should be drawn.
7. How it can be applied today.

The following role players will be needed:

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The centurion—two people, the centurion and Christ (Matthew 8:5-13).

Levi or Matthew—two people and a third to represent the Pharisees (Mark 2:14-17).

Jewish ruler—Nicodemus and Jesus talking with each other (John 3:1-13).

Wicked woman—Samaritan woman and Jesus (John 4:1-15).

Rich publican—Zacchaeus, others representing crowd, and Christ (Luke 19:1-7).

Convicted criminal—two malefactors, others representing people and soldiers, and Christ (Luke 23:33-43).

Perhaps these characters may not seem to fall into categories with which Junior Highs are acquainted, and so it will need to be brought out that God's message of salvation is for all. The leader should stress:

All have sinned (Romans 3:23 and 3:10).

All need to be saved (John 3:36).

There is one way to God (John 14:6).

We must repent of our sins (Luke 13:3, Acts 2:38).

We must then make public confession (Romans 10:9,10 and Matthew 10:32, 33).

All of these matters are outlined in *Life's Greatest Decisions*, which is available from the Publishing Department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. This is an excellent piece to put in the hands of every Endeavorer, with the encouragement to make forward steps, first to receive Christ as personal Saviour, and then to make further decisions for Him. We are indebted to the late Dr. Earle Gates for this piece which memorializes his deep concern to see youth in a proper relationship to Jesus Christ.

CLOSING MOMENTS. After the way of salvation has been made clear either by the leader or some skilled older Endeavorer, there should be an opportunity for commitment. Those committing themselves to Christ could come up around the worship center to indicate decision, or some groups may simply ask for those making decisions to raise their hand while all others have their eyes closed in an attitude of prayer. Still others may place cards in the hands of everyone and ask them to consider a covenant with God and to discuss it with the pastor or counselor in the days

ahead. You may pursue your own plan, but it is important that after a decision is made, the pastor be notified so that the young person may make proper commitment in the church.

This poem might be read:

THE CROSS WAS HIS OWN

They borrowed a bed to lay His head
When Christ the Lord came down;
They borrowed the ass in the mountain pass
For Him to ride to town;
But the crown that He wore
and the cross that He bore
Were His own—
The cross was His own.

He borrowed the bread when the crowd
He fed
On the grassy mountain side;
He borrowed the dish of broken fish
With which He satisfied;
But the crown that He wore
And the cross that He bore
Were His own—
The cross was His own.

He borrowed a ship in which to sit
To teach the multitude;
He borrowed the nest in which to rest,
He had never a home so rude;
But the crown that He wore
And the cross that He bore
Were His own—
The cross was His own.

He borrowed a room on his way to the tomb
The Passover Lamb to eat;
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave,
They borrowed a winding sheet;
But the crown that He wore
And the cross that He bore
Were His own—
The cross was His own.

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It is important that the counselor see that adequate help is given to those who respond. The pastor would be more than glad to arrange his time to be present if informed ahead.

Other decisions may be encouraged as the call goes out for rededication, to observe the Quiet Hour, or to become a Lifework Recruit. All of these should be recorded, and a copy of the folder *Life's Greatest Decisions* might be given to each who responds.

Alternate Program

If the idea of role playing is not carried out, the same material could be presented in the form of a Bible drill or Bible quiz. The seven points suggested could be brought out in the drill or quiz.

Another project might be to ask the youth to write down the names of people with whom they come in contact. Then ask them to consider the following items:

Have I ever shown an interest in what that individual is doing?

Have I ever done any act of kindness to him in the name of Christ?

Have I ever invited him to church?

Have I ever given him my testimony?

Have I ever given him a Gospel tract?

Have I ever invited him to become a Christian?

Follow-up

THE LOOKOUT COMMITTEE might ask the cooperation of the society members in recruiting friends for the youth group.

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE could consider new ways to interest young people and make fellowship times more enjoyable to everyone concerned.

THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE could make plans for making prayer and quiet times more effective for the group, and for individuals in the daily Quiet Hour.

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE could take advantage of the consideration everyone has given to those about them and work up some group projects such as providing Christian literature for a local hospital or benevolent home.

THE CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE could encourage the use of a denominational or fellowship program that would bring others to know Christ as Lord.

These ideas could be presented at the next regular monthly business meeting of your society. The youth coordinator or youth director of the church should be consulted, as other age groups might be encouraged in these directions too. Do not forget that a working youth group is a praying group, a happy group, a fruitful group.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Oct. 19	A Centurion Seeks Help	Matthew 8:5-13
T. Oct. 20	Whosoever Will May Come	Mark 2:14-17
W. Oct. 21	A Jewish Ruler	John 3:1-13
T. Oct. 22	A Wicked Woman	John 4:1-15
F. Oct. 23	A Rich Publican	Luke 19:1-7
S. Oct. 24	A Convicted Criminal	Luke 23:33-43
Sun. Oct. 25	Topic: Jesus, Friend of Sinners Luke 7:34-50	

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE



Topic 1 in a Unit: Discovering Significance in Symbols

"Remember Me"

I Corinthians 11:23-34

For Publicity

You will want to advertise this meeting well in advance. Posters should be placed in pertinent places where they will be easily seen. You should be careful to put the title and purpose of the meeting on the posters as well as the name of your particular society, the time, and the place of meeting. The theme for the meeting should be announced in your previous Christian Endeavor services, in your Sunday School class, and in the church bulletin.

For the Counselor

It is very important that your group learn to appreciate the value and significance of Holy Communion as well as the different viewpoints concerning its practice by differing church organizations. Make available a Bible encyclopedia, a Bible dictionary, commentaries, and books on church history for your leader and the other participants to use in preparing for the discussion. The comments in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD are by no means exhaustive; encourage your young people to seek out other resource material for this meeting. Make certain that you are well acquainted with the position of your own church in relation to the Communion service.

For the Leader

The ordinance of Holy Communion is one of the most important observances of the Christian church. It is up to you to make this meeting of real value to those present, and to help them understand the meaning and importance of the Communion experience. As you choose those who will help you in the various aspects of the discussion, ask those who you know are really sincere Christians and who see the value of this ordinance.

It might be well to ask your minister to attend the meeting and after you have finished the discussion to share with you

the position of your church and denomination on the Communion service. He also may be able to add some valuable information to the discussion itself. When you ask him to attend, be sure to tell him the reason that you want him there and what he is supposed to do. In order to make your meeting even more meaningful, you may want to ask him to conduct a Communion service as a part of your program.

Work with the Devotional Committee in preparing the room for the meeting. It might be well to have a Communion set, some bread—leavened and unleavened, and some Communion juice on a table in front of the group. In the light of the discussion, there really is not a better time for a consecration service. You might ask each one to give a verse of Scripture or a short testimony as to what Christ means to him.

Leader's Introduction

"Familiarity breeds contempt." Those things which we do the most often, we often come to think the least of. This same principle holds true as well in the spiritual area of our lives. There is a possibility that we get so familiar with the various acts of worship in a church service that they have very little meaning for us. We can partake of Communion and get so familiar with the act that it loses its value for us. For some, it no longer has the same meaning that it once did, or possibly they never really understood the meaning and reason behind the Communion service. Since this is World-Wide Communion Sunday, it is fitting that we look into this ordinance or sacrament of the church and see what it is all about.

Topic Talks

What Is Communion?

Basically, Communion or the Lord's Supper is two acts in one. In the first

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Hebrews 10:19-25
Hymns: *O Worship the King;*
Break Thou the Bread of Life;
Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 11:23-24
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Special Music: *Were You There?*
Consecration Service
Sentence Prayers
Leader's Introduction
Topic Talks
Questions for Discussion
Leader's Conclusion
Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie*
Benediction

place, it is a fellowship or a sharing together with others. The Greek word from which it comes involves and implies a fellowship. Communion is a time when all differences must be forgotten and we seek only fellowship with one another and with God. There must be a basis for this sharing together, and that basis is love. If we love one another, then we are able to have fellowship with each other and with God. A person with hate in his heart toward another person does not really have fellowship with that person nor with God when he comes to the Communion table.

In the second place, the Lord's Supper is a memorial service. When we partake of the Communion elements, we remember once again Christ's death on the cross—His broken body and His shed blood, that for which the bread and the wine stand. We remember that it was for us that He died. We also think again of His words that He would come again and receive us unto Himself.

Names for Communion

The Communion service is known by a variety of names in addition to the one mentioned. The term Communion is used because of the fellowship and

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sharing together which are characteristic of the service. Some prefer to call it the Lord's Supper since it was our Lord Jesus who instituted it just prior to His betrayal, and since it is a memorial to Him.

The Eucharist is another name by which it is known. This word is derived from a Greek word and carries with it the meaning of thanksgiving. It has special significance because of the thankfulness which exists in the hearts of those partaking—a deep gratitude for what Jesus has done in removing their sin and in saving their souls.

How Is Communion Practiced?

Some churches still practice what is commonly thought of as the apostolic way of partaking the Lord's Supper. It is generally believed that communion was observed after the entire congregation had eaten a common meal—a meal similar to our potluck or basket dinners.

Some churches incorporate the Communion service into their regular worship services, observing it every Sunday or once a month or once a quarter. Before observing the Lord's Supper, some churches require that the participants come first to a preparatory service in which they make confession of their sins to God.

Still other churches make the Communion service separate entirely from the regular worship services, either habitually or periodically. Special Communion services are becoming quite popular at special seasons or times of the year such as Easter and Christmas, especially by those groups which do not observe the Lord's Supper frequently.

Communion Distinctives

Unleavened bread (bread without yeast) is stressed by some churches as the proper way to observe the Lord's Supper, while others have no qualms about using leavened bread. Some churches use fermented wine for the cup, while others use unfermented grape juice.

Some groups reserve the cup for the clergy and allow the laity to eat only the bread. Some require that only ordained or licensed ministers be permitted to administer the elements. Others employ the laity, usually the deacons, to serve the elements.

Some churches require that the participants come to the altar to receive Communion; others permit them to remain seated in the pews; others sit

Questions for Discussion

1. What do you feel is the greatest benefit derived from a Communion service?
2. What is the purpose of self-examination before partaking of Communion? How important is it?
3. Is Communion taken for granted and too lightly by some Christians? Why is this done?
4. How may one receive Communion unworthily?

around a long table as they partake together. Some ask that those who are sharing in Communion kneel, and others ask them to stand, while with others it makes no difference. Some partake of the elements as they receive them, and others hold the elements and partake when all have been served. Some churches have no set manner in which to conduct the service and so use different methods at various times.

Theological Implications

There are primarily three doctrinal viewpoints concerning the Lord's Supper and the elements used. The first is that of the Roman Catholic Church, known as *transubstantiation*. This view is that the bread and the wine become the literal body and blood of Christ when they are consecrated for the Communion in the mass. Therefore, when one partakes of the elements he is actually partaking of Christ's broken body and shed blood.

The other two positions were adopted by two Protestant reformers, Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli, and characterize religious groups influenced by them. Luther took a position known as *consubstantiation*. Here the bread and wine are not the actual body and blood of Jesus, but He is present in them as "fire is in a hot iron." Zwingli felt that Communion was simply a memorial service and that the bread and wine only symbolize the broken body and shed blood of Jesus.

Leader's Conclusion

The rite of Holy Communion is the Christian's privilege. It is a ceremony which Christ instituted for his followers. When properly conducted, however, it can also have an effect upon the non-believers. A young college fellow who was not a Christian attended such a service. It was an open Communion in which anyone could participate. When the invitation was given for those to come and partake who so desired, he stepped out of his seat and went forward. However, when the elements were passed, sensing his unworthiness, he

stepped back and did not receive them. At least partially because of the impact of that Communion service that young fellow gave his heart to Christ that night and has lived a victorious Christian life ever since.

The next time you partake of Holy Communion, think once again of the real meaning and purpose behind the service. When you have fellowship with others and with God in Communion you are remembering once again the Lord Jesus and His great love for you.

A Survey

Your Christian Endeavor society might find it very interesting to take a survey of the members and attenders of your church, especially the adults, to see how well they understand the meaning and symbolism of the Communion service. This will help your group see the need for all to make a study of the ordinance. This activity might lead other groups in your church to study and to improve its observance.

In your survey you might ask such questions as: *Do you feel that we celebrate the Lord's Supper enough? What is the purpose of Holy Communion? What part does love play in the Communion service? Of what is Holy Communion symbolical?*

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 28	Self-Examination	Mark 12:28-31
T. Sept. 29	Penitence	Psalms 51:1-7
W. Sept. 30	Assurance of Forgiveness	I John 1:7-10
T. Oct. 1	Praise	Psalms 107:1-9
F. Oct. 2	Institution of the Lord's Supper	Luke 22:1-20
S. Oct. 3	The Crucifixion	Luke 23:24-56
Sun. Oct. 4—Topic:	"Remember Me"	I Corinthians 11:23-34
		(World-Wide Communion Sunday)

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Topic 2 in a Unit: Discovering Significance in Symbols

"Dig These Symbols?"

John 15:1-10

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Prelude: *The Old Rugged Cross*
 Call to Worship: Psalm 100:4
 Songs: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, Beneath the Cross of Jesus, Send the Light*
 Announcements and Offering
 Hymn: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*
 Scripture: John 15:1-10
 Prayer
 Leader's Introduction
 Topic Presentation
 Counselor's Comments
 Hymn: *Trusting Jesus*
 Mizpah Benediction

The information given about the symbols below is by no means exhaustive, and so you should be certain to obtain one of the books listed under Resource Materials or borrow another from someone else. If you secure one of these books, you might present several other symbols in addition to the ones suggested. In the preparation of this topic, only the most common were chosen for discussion.

Prepare a worship center using some of the Christian symbols, possibly two candles and the cross and/or an open Bible. You might also draw on a chalkboard pictures of the symbols which are to be discussed in the meeting. Or you may be able to arrange a display of pictures of some of these symbols.

Leader's Introduction

Last week we studied a symbol that Jesus Himself instituted, the Lord's Supper. The title for this topic is "Dig These Symbols?" We shall concentrate our attention on the symbols which man has created himself to aid in his worship of God.

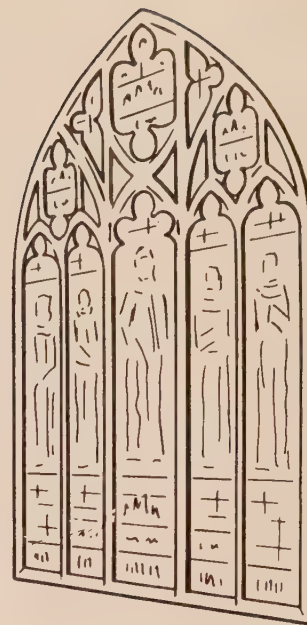
Symbols do seem to have a place in the Christian religion, for Jesus made use of them in His earthly ministry. All we need to do in order to discover this fact is to recall the Daily Bible Readings for this week. The reading for each day suggested a new symbol by which Jesus was described either by someone else or by Himself. The symbols mentioned were the Word, the Lamb of God, the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, the Door of the Sheep, the Good Shepherd, and the Vine.

Symbols help us to visualize more clearly Biblical facts and truths. They help us to understand more clearly the concepts of the Godhead, the Trinity, the Church, etc.

Christian Symbols

God

A *hand* is one of the oldest symbols and the main symbol of God the Father. There are more than 100 references to the hand of God in the Bible.



Sometimes the hand is seen in clouds, and sometimes holding bolts and rays of lightning. The hand reaching down suggests God's offer of help to man. The hand with the first two fingers and thumb extended represents the Trinity (God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit).

Jesus Christ

1. *IHC* and *IHS* are used to signify Jesus, for they are the first three letters of Jesus as written in Greek capital letters. A horizontal line should be used across the H, since these letters form an abbreviation. This is probably the most popular symbol for Jesus used in Protestant churches, but other similar forms are *IC* (for Jesus), *XC* (for Christ), and *INRI* (for Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews).

2. *The fish* was one of the earliest symbols used by Christians to represent Jesus as Saviour. It was used to convey a message which other Christians could understand, but which could not be understood by the Roman police. The Greek word for fish in capital letters (*IXTHUS*) forms an acrostic which gives the meaning of this symbol—Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour—as derived from the Greek letters:

I standing for Jesus
 X standing for Christ
 TH standing for God
 U standing for Son
 S standing for Saviour

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For the Leader

In order to make your meeting more interesting, you should make or ask others to make large reproductions of the pictures that correspond with the facts on Christian symbols. Secure these from sources suggested under Resource Materials.

You could draw them on poster paper and then permit the Lookout Committee to use them for publicity as well. For publicity you could place all the pictures in the foyer of your church or in your Sunday School classroom with a sign above them that would give the title for the meeting—"Dig These Symbols?" Then below the pictures you should give the name of your Christian Endeavor society, the meeting place, and the time of the meeting.

Take the pictures to your meeting and place them before the group. Before you or those whom you choose talk about them, ask how many know the meaning of any of the symbols. Then ask them to give the meaning as well as any other information which they might have concerning them. By doing this you will be able to ascertain how much your group knows about the Christian symbols.

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3. A single, lighted candle is often used to represent Jesus according to the words, "I am the light of the world." The candle replaced the lamp which had been used earlier for this purpose. Two candles express the twofold nature of Jesus, the human and the divine. This symbolism is often used in candlelight services in Christian Endeavor meetings and other functions of the church.

4. The cross is used to represent the suffering of Christ. In evangelical churches it is always an empty cross, representing the risen and living Christ. Hundreds of variations of crosses have been developed by churches and nations through the centuries. The five basic shapes are: the X or St. Andrew's; the Latin or Roman, unequal-limbed; the equal-limbed Greek (or St. George's); the Tau, T-shaped, anticipatory cross; and the hooked or swastika, of Sanskrit origin. Many church buildings have been built in the form of a cross.

Holy Spirit

The dove is the most widely recognized symbol for the Holy Spirit. It is pictured as descending because of the coming of the Spirit in this manner at the time of Jesus' baptism.

The Trinity

An equilateral triangle is the most commonly used symbol of the Trinity. The single object suggests the oneness of the Godhead, and the equal sides of the triangle suggest the equality of the three persons in the Trinity (God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit).

The Bible

An open book is used to symbolize the Bible. The book often contains the letters V.D.M.A. across the open pages, meaning "The Word of God remains forever." A lamp is also often used to signify the Word of God.



Others

The crown is used as a symbol of Christ's kingship over His followers. It is also used as a symbol of the eternal life which Christians are to receive.

Questions for Discussion

1. Is there too much emphasis or not enough emphasis placed upon the use of symbols in the Protestant churches today?
2. Is there much possibility of worshipping the symbol and forgetting that for which it stands?
3. How much have the symbols used by the church helped you in understanding the Christian religion?
4. Do you feel that the symbols used by the church speak to contemporary youth?
5. What type of symbols would be the most meaningful to our present situation and life?

Revelation 2:10 includes the promise, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

The anchor was one of the earliest symbols and was used to signify the Christian's hope. The similarity of the anchor and the cross made this an easy symbol by which Christians could identify themselves to each other, for it appeared to be only an anchor to non-Christians.

Pomegranates have often been used to signify the fruits of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22,23. They have also stood for the early church, as full of vitality as this fruit is full of seeds.

Symbol Test

The name of the symbol and that for which it stands are given below. Choose one or the other and see how many your group knows. Write them on a chalkboard or ask the group about them verbally.

1. Cross and Crown—faithful in this life who have suffered great hardship.
2. Alpha and Omega—Christ is eternal, the beginning and the end.
3. Fleur de Lis (consult your dictionary)—Mary the mother of Jesus and also the Holy Trinity.
4. Tablets of Stone—the Ten Commandments.
5. Crown of Thorns and Nails—suffering of Christ.
6. Peacock—resurrection and eternal life.
7. Lamb—Christ.
8. Torch—witnessing for Christ.
9. Heart—Christian love and service.
10. Circle—eternity.

A Debate

An interesting way to discuss the matter of symbols would be to debate the proposition, Resolved, symbols are

an asset to Christian worship. If you wish to have such a discussion, you should follow a definite schedule. The following is suggested, but you may have to make certain adjustments on the time limitations depending on the length of your program.

Constructive Speeches (5 minutes)

- First affirmative
- First negative
- Second affirmative
- Second negative

Rebuttals (3 minutes)

- First negative
- First affirmative
- Second negative
- Second affirmative

After you have finished the debate, you may want to take a vote in the audience to see which side presented the best arguments. A debate would demand a great deal of preparation in order for it to be interesting. In the arguments presented, the participants should seek to be informative and accurate in all that they say.

Resource Materials

It is important that preparation be made early for this meeting, for several resource materials should be used or acquired. The leader should check with his pastor, his counselor, his church library or public library, or a religious bookstore for any books, pamphlets, and filmstrips which might be available on Christian symbols. A Bible dictionary should be one of the sources most readily available.

Here are some suggested books which might be ordered from your church publisher or local religious bookstore:

McGee, Ratha Doyle. *Symbols: Signs of Devotion* (revised). The Upper Room, 1903 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Stafford, Thomas Albert. *Christian Symbolism in the Evangelical Churches*. Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee.

Whittemore, Carroll E. (editor). *My First Book of Christian Symbols*. Whittemore Associates, Inc., Boston 8, Massachusetts.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Oct. 5	The Word of God	John 1:1-5
T. Oct. 6	The Lamb of God	John 1:19-34
W. Oct. 7	The Bread of Life	John 6:22-58
T. Oct. 8	The Light of the World	John 8:12-20
F. Oct. 9	The Door	John 10:1-10
S. Oct. 10	The Good Shepherd	John 10:11-30
Sun. Oct. 11	Topic: "Dig These Symbols?"	John 15:1-10

Comments by Rev. Kent D. Maxwell, minister of the Crestview United Brethren Church, Lafayette, Indiana

Topic 1 in a Unit: Understanding Christ

Following His Footprints

Luke 6:12-16

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Prelude

Song Service: *I Love to Tell the Story; I Would Be Like Jesus; I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go; Are Ye Able, Said the Master; He Leadeth Me*

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:12-16

Special Music: *Living for Jesus*

Leader's Talk

Development of the Topic

Closing Song: *Jesus Calls Us*

Benediction



Jordan River. Of course they also visit Jerusalem and its environs where they view the scenes of some of His triumphs, trials, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to heaven.

Now it is not possible for every Christian to go to Palestine and attempt to retrace the journey of Jesus. There are other ways, however, in which one may follow His footprints. One is, as we shall do tonight, by considering the early records of His career which have been recorded in the Gospels. Another, and in a sense even more important way, is through applying His teachings to our individual lives and following His example while we recognize Him as our Saviour and Lord.

conversion assures one of freedom from all possibility of future temptation and sin. One must remain on guard, and perhaps additionally so lest he develop a sense of false security.

If one is to follow in Jesus' footprints, first he must prepare. This includes submission to the will of God. It also involves successful resistance to temptation.

Talks on the Topic

1. Most of what is recorded concerning Jesus' earthly career is found in the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These are called the Gospels. The word "Gospel" means "good news." These four books are so named because they contain accounts of the good news of salvation offered to the world through Jesus who is the Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour of mankind.

Mark began his narrative with a very brief account of Jesus' preparation for His ministry (Mark 1:1-13). When He was about thirty years old Jesus traveled from His home town to the Jordan River where John the Baptist was preaching and baptizing in preparation for the appearing of the Christ. When Jesus arrived He presented Himself for baptism, and a wonderful thing happened. As Jesus came up out of the water the Holy Spirit descended like a dove upon Him and a voice came from heaven said, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11).

But Jesus was not yet quite ready to begin His work. Immediately following His baptism He was driven into the wilderness where He remained forty days. This was a time of fasting and temptation. Mark does not specify what the temptations were, but Matthew and Luke do. It should be noted that the temptation of Jesus occurred after His baptism. It is a mistake to think that

2. It is generally believed that Jesus' ministry lasted about three years. The accounts given in the first three Gospels may be divided into three main sections. The first of these is called the Galilean Ministry because so many of the events in this period took place in the northernmost of the three sections of New Testament Palestine, Galilee. The beginning of this ministry, as Mark describes it, is related in 1:15-28.

Jesus' early preaching was much like that of John the Baptist. He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15). But Jesus did not intend to accomplish all of His work unaided. For this reason He began to call disciples who eventually would become apostles. (A "disciple" is a learner or student. An "apostle" is one who is commissioned and sent on a particular mission.) Among the first to be selected for this honor were four fishermen: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

From these accounts some additional lessons may be learned about following in Jesus' footsteps. When one has consecrated himself to God, then he must devote himself to accomplishing whatever mission God has fitted him for and to which He has called him. For Jesus this included preaching. Who knows but what some of the young men now in Christian Endeavor may not be called to a similar ministry?

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Publicity

Prepare posters to be placed in appropriate places in the church building. One could show a little boy dressed in a man's clothing and taking giant steps as he attempts to follow his father. The legend could be "Following His Footprints" or "This is his hero—who is yours?"

Another idea for a poster is to have small pictures of Karl Marx and Lenin with the hammer and sickle symbol in the upper left-hand corner of the poster and a picture of Jesus and a cross in the right-hand corner. In the center foreground show a group of young people looking toward these symbols. A suitable caption would be "Whom Will These Follow?" Of course, all posters should also contain specific information about the time and place of the meeting, etc.

Leader's Talk

One of the tourist attractions in Hollywood, California, is Grauman's Chinese Theater. This is famous, not because of the dramas staged there, but because the handprints and footprints of many movie stars are imprinted in the concrete sidewalk in front of the theatre. People come from all over the country to touch or stand in these prints because the men and women who made them are famous and, in a sense, national heroes and heroines.

Christians also have a hero. He, of course, is Jesus Christ. Because of Him, millions have made pilgrimages to Palestine. These visit His birthplace in Bethlehem, tour His boyhood home in Nazareth, take a cruise on the Sea of Galilee, or dip their feet in the

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Notice that Jesus had use for some very humble people, the four fishermen. However, these were not yet ready to be sent out as apostles. He said, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). Then in the succeeding weeks, months, and years He proceeded to teach them to prepare for their mission. So education is a necessary part of our preparation for following in the footprints of Jesus, for to serve well means to be prepared adequately.

3. Jesus did not spend all of His time in Galilee during the period which is designated as the Galilean Ministry. He also spent some time in the southernmost section of Palestine known as Judea. While there He gave some instruction concerning prayer (Luke 11:1-13). Jesus Himself prayed regularly. It was after He had finished praying on one occasion that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples" (Luke 11:1). In response Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer as it is recorded in Luke. (The better known form of this prayer is found in Matthew 6:9-13 as a part of the famed Sermon on the Mount. From this it will be seen that Jesus taught this same general form of prayer on more than one occasion.)

Prayer, then, is an important element in following His footprints. Besides, it is always worthwhile to pray, for God answers prayer.

4. On Jesus' last journey from Galilee to Jerusalem before His death, He skirted most of Samaria, which lay in the middle, crossed over to the east side of the Jordan and traveled for some time through an area known as Perea. This is sometimes called His Perea Ministry.

While He was in Perea He was told of the illness of one of His dear friends, a man by the name of Lazarus (John 11:1-3). Lazarus, together with his two sisters lived in Bethany, a village a few miles from Jerusalem. Jesus deliberately remained where He was until Lazarus died, and then He set out with His disciples for Bethany.

After conversing with Martha and Mary, Jesus, the two sisters, and many others went out to the cemetery. After a brief prayer, Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." To the amazement of the spectators the one

who had been dead and buried four days did come out of the grave still bound in his shroud.

Certainly, present-day followers of Jesus cannot raise the dead. Jesus performed this and other miracles to demonstrate that He was indeed what He claimed to be, the Christ, the Son of God. But there are some lessons to be learned from this event. One of these is the certainty of the Christian hope. Jesus demonstrated His power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. But there is another lesson too. After Jesus had talked with Mary, when He saw her crying and others weeping with her, it is stated in what is the shortest verse in the Bible "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). Why did Jesus weep? It was certainly not because Lazarus was dead, for He knew the blissful state of the righteous dead, and besides He was about to raise him from the dead. Rather, Jesus wept out of sympathy for His friends. If we Christians are to follow Christ's footprints, we too must be kind, sympathetic, and understanding.

5. The period in the career of Jesus which began with His triumphal entry into Jerusalem shortly after the raising of Lazarus and ended with His own death and burial is sometimes called Passion Week (that is, "week of suffering"). This is recorded in Mark 11-15. Jesus was not deceived by the shouts of "Hosanna" and the admiration of the crowd which He received as He entered Jerusalem. Rather, when He came within sight of the city He wept over it, for He knew of its rejection of Him.

The days which followed were filled with drama and tragedy. Jesus cleansed the temple of the merchants who were perverting its proper use and in this way further incited the rage of the chief priests and scribes. Judas, one of the twelve apostles, lured by greedy desire for base gain, made arrangements to betray Him into the hands of His enemies. In anticipation of His death, Jesus transformed elements of the Passover into the Lord's Supper which was to serve as a memorial to Him through succeeding generations of Christians. He wrestled in prayer with God while His disciples slept, but He concluded the struggle with "... nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt." He was arrested at the signal of the traitor's kiss. He was tried before various authorities, and although not convicted of any crime He was sentenced to death as a common criminal by the torturous death of crucifixion. When He died He

was buried in a borrowed tomb. Yet in all this Christ was the victor. By His death He became the Saviour of the world.

What lesson is there in this for the Christian? Jesus Himself said, "Who-soever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). There are some things more valuable than life itself. Devotion to a cause and self-sacrifice for the sake of Christ are among these.

6. Unlike most biographies, which complete their narratives with the death of their subject, such is not the case with the Gospels. They have another chapter, the resurrection of Jesus (Luke 24:1-12). It is this which gives validity to the Gospel claims (*read I Corinthians 15:3,4*).

The lesson of the resurrection narratives for the Christian is this: he who follows in the footprints of Jesus will not stop at the grave. The glorious assurance of the Christian faith is that because He lives, we will live also!

7. Jesus was also known as a great teacher. Therefore, any lesson that sets out to present a summary of His career with a view to His serving as an example to follow would be remiss if nothing were said about His role in this capacity.

One of the greatest examples of Jesus' teachings is what is commonly called the Sermon on the Mount. Its better known version is found in Matthew 5-7. The Scripture lesson tonight, Luke 6:12-16, sets the stage for the form of this sermon as it appears in Luke. This is sometimes called "the Sermon on the Plain" because of verse 17 which reads, "and he came down with them, and stood in the plain . . ." Then follows, beginning with verse 20, in a much briefer form, material very like that found in the Sermon on the Mount. It ends with some advice fitting for our topic, "Following His Footprints" (*read Luke 6:46-49*).

Daily Bible Readings

M. Oct. 12	The Beginning of Christ's Ministry	Mark 1:1-13
T. Oct. 13	The Galilean Ministry	Mark 1:14-28
W. Oct. 14	The Judean Ministry	Luke 11:1-13
T. Oct. 15	The Perea Ministry	John 11:1-44
F. Oct. 16	The Arrest and Crucifixion	Mark 14:43-52
S. Oct. 17	The Resurrection	Luke 24:1-12
Sun. Oct. 18—Topic:	Following His Footprints	Luke 6:12-16

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Topic 2 in a Unit: Understanding Christ

Singing His Story

Psalm 150



Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Prelude
 Call to Worship: Psalm 100
 Song Service: *Praise Him! Praise Him!; He Keeps Me Singing; I Will Sing the Wondrous Story; In My Heart There Rings a Melody; This Is My Father's World*
 Prayer
 Announcements and Offering
 Instrumental Number
 Leader's Talk
 Talks on the Topic
 Closing Hymn: *Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name*
 Benediction

Publicity

Use a musical motif such as choir singers, notes, or instruments on posters and cards. A "singing telegram" could also be made. Record the following ditty on a tape:

Come to C. E. Sunday night,
 Come to C. E. Sunday night;
 Come to C. E., dear friend—
 We hope to see you there.

(Sing this to the tune of *Happy Birthday*.) Follow the ditty with a spoken announcement giving the time, place, topic, etc. of the meeting. Use the tape over the telephone as you call members of your society and prospective members.

Leader's Talk

A number of years ago a world's congress of religions was held in which adherents of many religions participated. Among those present was a Hindu from India. The thing which impressed him most about Christianity was that it was "a singing religion."

There are reasons why Christianity should be "a singing religion." One of its characteristics is joy. The Gospel is "good news." When Philip evangelized in Samaria, "there was great joy in that city" (Acts 8:8). After his baptisms, the Ethiopian eunuch "went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:39). After conversion the Philippian jailer "rejoiced, believing in God with all his house" (Acts 16:34). Joy is included in Paul's enumeration of "the fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22,23).

Song is a natural expression of joy. So singing may well have been a part of the worship of the early church, for Paul exhorted "speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19). References were also made to music in Revelation 5:9ff., 14:2,3, and 15:2ff.

In some churches music was largely provided by priests, choirs, and special musicians, but Protestants have always emphasized congregational singing. This was especially true of Martin Luther, who wrote many hymns himself, including *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* and possibly *Luther's Cradle Hymn (Away in a Manger)*. In fact one important way in which Reformation doctrines were spread was through singing. Another prolific Protestant hymn writer was Charles Wesley, who with his brother John, helped to found the Methodist Church. Four thousand hymns were published during the lifetime of the Wesley brothers, and an additional twenty-five hundred were left in manuscript form.

Since we are heirs of such traditions, it is appropriate that we should devote our topic tonight to a consideration of *Singing His Story*.

Talks on the Topic

1. The Scripture lesson tonight is Psalm 150. The Book of Psalms has been called "the Hymnbook of the Bible," and this is an appropriate title.

The Hebrew title *Tehilim* (pronounced tehileem) means "praises." Although it is a book of poetry, many of the Psalms were set to music and actually sung in the services of the Hebrew sanctuary accompanied by various musical instruments. David, the author of many Psalms in addition to being a shepherd and king, was noted as a harpist as well.

With this in mind let us consider Psalm 150, which serves as a doxology and Amen for the whole Psalter. (The rendition is the topic writer's own translation from the Hebrew text.)

Hallelujah!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
 praise him in his mighty firmament!
 Praise him for his mighty deeds;
 praise him according to the abundance of his greatness!
 Praise him with trumpet sound;
 praise him with lyre and harp.
 Praise him with timbrel and dance;
 praise him with strings and pipe.
 Praise him with loud cymbals;
 praise him with clashing cymbals.
 Let everything which breathes
 praise Jah.

Hallelujah!

("Jah" was a Hebrew name for God akin to "Jehovah." "Hallelujah" means "praise Jah!")

This Psalm is a call to praise God with musical instruments. First, His praise in heaven is invoked. He merits this because of His power and absolute, infinite greatness. But God is to be praised on earth too. In doing this the psalmist calls for the use of various instruments as well as the festal dance. These were all expressions of joy which were considered appropriate in ancient Israel for use in praising God. Nor was this earthly praise to be confined to Israel. All beings endowed by God with breath are urged to join in. Hallelujah!

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2. Unfortunately much of the musical program of the church is often haphazard. Especially is this true in the average youth meeting. The leader may wait until he arrives at the church and it is time or almost time for the service to begin before he selects the songs. Then he hurriedly leafs through the book or scans the index, all the while jotting down numbers without any thought of their appropriateness except perhaps of the "prayer song." Or he may be lazier still and select only an opening song, a prayer song, and perhaps a closing song. For the rest he depends on "selections from the audience" or numbers the pianist wants to play because they are "easy."

Certainly there is a place in the youth program for singing "old favorites," but this should not be overdone. If it is, the result will be that common affliction of the music of most Christian Endeavor societies; it will be "in a rut." This may take the form of exclusively singing choruses or limiting the group to only a very few of the selections in the hymnal. It would be surprising to learn how few of the songs in even so small a collection as that contained in *Christian Endeavor Songs* are sung to any great extent.

The selection of music for a meeting should be planned just like the rest of the program so that the result will be a well-rounded unit. Sometimes songs can be chosen which actually develop various aspects of the topic. In this topic the songs suggested are concerned with praise or singing, both appropriate to the topic, *Singing His Story*.

Of course, such a close correlation is not always possible, especially if one is using a hymnbook which is quite limited in its offerings. Under such conditions one must do the best he can. However, he can avoid the "rut" by making a conscious effort to select some numbers which are not sung frequently and he might even introduce a "new" hymn or two. If this is done consistently, the society's repertoire will be increased and its appreciation for the music of the church deepened. For this plan to be successful, the pianist should be consulted in advance so that she too can be prepared to accompany the songs.

3. The words of songs sung in youth meetings should be appropriate for a Christian Endeavor meeting. The hymns of the church have come from many different sources. Many of these

Questions for Discussion

1. How can a youth group improve its musical program?
2. How can the music lend support to the rest of a Christian Endeavor meeting?
3. What types of music are appropriate for use in church?
4. Are all types of church music equally appropriate for all types of church services? Discuss.
5. What factors should be considered in choosing music for use in church?
6. What are some hymns which actually tell the story of Christ?
7. What are some appropriate Christian hymns which our group should learn to sing?

reflect the theology of a particular group which may be diametrically opposed to the teachings of one's own church. Others may contain words which are not understood (e.g., "Beulah," "Ebenezer," and "Pisgah's lofty height.") These may be Biblical or theological allusions which if checked out would add to the meaningfulness of the hymn.

On the other hand, do the words of some songs, especially choruses, have any meaning? If they do, are they appropriate to the occasion? Likewise are "motion" songs in keeping with the dignity which should attend teen-age worship? What may be very nice and meaningful for small children may look silly when done by adults or near-adults. A case in point is the chorus, "Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah. Praise Ye the Lord." The words of this chorus as well as the music are quite appropriate, but is an attitude of reverence generated for the God whose name is being praised when first the boys jump up and then the girls in the singing of it?

Another matter which might well be noticed is the practice of omitting stanzas. (What are commonly called "verses" of hymns are in reality "stanzas." A "verse" of poetry is properly one line.) Sometimes this can be done without doing too much violence to the thought of the hymn. In fact, many hymns which were written years ago appear in abbreviated form in modern hymnals. On the other hand, some songs tell a story which is continued from stanza to stanza. In such cases the continuity of thought may be lost by inconsiderate omissions.

Too much music in youth groups is chosen chiefly upon the basis of rhythm, a catchy tune, or familiarity. While

these may be factors of some weight, meaning should also be considered. When Paul was discussing the use of unknown tongues he said: "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also; I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also" (I Corinthians 14:15).

Let us choose our music not only with the tune in mind but the meaning also. Let us be certain we are singing *His story*!

4. Are all types of music appropriate in the church? To be sure, musical tastes vary from time to time and from place to place. Many folk tunes or music from the opera or theater have become attached to hymns and the original significance largely or entirely forgotten. Yet some music just does not seem in good taste in the church.

Many of a conservative turn are aghast when they hear of "jazz masses" in churches which are noted for their stately ritual. But are they doing any better? Music which is being sung in some religious circles today is nothing more than Hollywood crooning attached to religious words. Although this may be acceptable in the world, does it have a place in the church?

Even some of the words are scarcely appropriate. They are patterned after the erotic romance of radio, television, and screen rather than the noble love which characterizes God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, and the love which we are supposed to have for them and for one another.

Let us take a critical look at our music. Is it ennobling, elevating, and inspiring, or is it but the tinny jazz of the street disguised by a thin semblance of religion?

Daily Bible Readings

- M. Oct. 19 O Little Town of Bethlehem
Micah 5:1-7
T. Oct. 20 O Jesus, Thou Art Standing
John 20:19-29
W. Oct. 21 'Tis Midnight; and on Olive's Brow
Luke 22:39-46
T. Oct. 22 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
Luke 10:1-9
F. Oct. 23 O Jesus, I Have Promised
John 12:23-36
S. Oct. 24 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
Hebrews 2:1-18
Sun, Oct. 25—Topic: *Singing His Story*
Psalm 150

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

Topic Summaries for October

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Joan Pyle, Rev. Walter C. Schaeffer, and Wanna Sell.

World Peace (two topics)

1. Working Together for Peace

Matthew 5:9; 1 Corinthians 14:33

This type of topic can be developed well by a panel discussion. The panel should be selected several weeks before the meeting. Have the panel write to the United Nations requesting information regarding its purpose as well as the efforts that it is making to preserve world peace. The panel may also want to write to an agency such as the Peace Corps for information concerning its philosophy. Discuss ways in which peace in the world can be insured. Can we remain peaceful and still control those who would change our way of life by force? These and other questions can be discussed by the entire group after the panel has completed its program.

2. Elusive Peace

James 3:17,18; 1 Peter 3:10,11

Let us honestly face some of the causes of war. Most of the causes of war could be put under one heading; those who have not, being envious of those who have. However, this can and should be broken down into separate categories. Some of the categories may be: lack of food; lack of adequate medical facilities; lack of sanitary conditions; lack of comfortable housing. Have the group name other areas in which large segments of the world's population are lacking. One of the greatest causes of war is fear. If these are the causes of war, what can be done to improve the situation? What part can the Christian Church play? If all phases of Christian missions were given an honest chance, would this make any difference? Can the causes of war be classified as material or spiritual?

Standards of Conduct (two topics)

1. Conduct in the Home

Ephesians 6:1-4, 10-20

The democratic home is not one of chaos because each one does as he

pleases but it is a cooperative home where children and parents respect the rights of each other. The concern for each other must be mutual. Discipline must be reasonable and natural for the offense. The family should have standards of conduct with rules and regulations for all members. The parents teach their children to love God and serve His Son. Discuss: What are some of the contributions necessary to make a happy home? In what way is devotion to God related to the welfare and conduct of the home? What are some of the spiritual, moral, and material weaknesses evident in today's homes? What can be done to correct these weaknesses?

2. The Home Sends Forth

Luke 2:40-52

The products of the home point out clearly the standards of conduct which have been followed. The home girds its members with love and security, permitting them to go out into the world as contributing citizens. A harassed, chaotic home environment will hamper the productivity of its members. Discuss: How can family devotions be meaningfully encouraged? Who is responsible for the home's standard of conduct? What should members of the family receive from the home to help them at school or on the job? What should they contribute?

PLAN AHEAD FOR 1965

To help Young Adult and Adult groups select leaders and plan ahead for weekly meetings, here are the topics scheduled to appear in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD for use during the months of January through March 1965.

Stewardship (two topics)

1. **God's Portion**—Malachi 3:6-12; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 (tithes and offerings)
2. **Salvation Involves Self-Giving**—Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 10:29-37; 16:19-31 (study of parables)

Standards of Conduct (two topics)

1. **Who Is Your Conductor?**—Joshua 24:14-24; Galatians 5:22-24 (living a consistent Christian life)
2. **The Basis of Conduct**—1 Corinthians 13; Ephesians 6:1-4 (conduct in the home)

Christian Endeavor (two topics)

1. **Togetherness or Fellowship?**—1 Corinthians 10:20; Philippians 1:1-6; 2:1,2 (fellowship with Christ's people)
2. **Adult Responsibility**—Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 1 John 1:2-10 (guiding the young)

Interpersonal Relationships (two topics)

1. **"These My Brethren"**—Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 8:4-13, 26-39; 1 John 4:19-21 (responsibility to witness)
2. **Potential Christians**—Romans 5:1-11; Philippians 1:12-14; 4:21,22 (ways to witness daily)

Overcoming Communism (three topics)

1. **An Informed Informer**—Mark 13:21-23; Proverbs 1:1-9 (understanding Communism)
2. **Communism, a Way of Life**—1 John 4:1-3; Psalm 33:1-12 (the reality of Communism)

3. **Play the Role**—Philippians 2:13-16; Psalm 26 (matching the dedication of the Communists)

Home Missions (two topics)

1. **Facing New Frontiers**—Joshua 1:1-7; John 4:34-42 (challenges of a mobile society)
2. **Senior Citizens**—Proverbs 23:22; Deuteronomy 14:28,29 (a home frontier project)

Party Book for Adults

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PARTY IDEAS FOR ADULTS by Lora Lee Parrott, Zondervan Publishing House, 1963, 190 pages, \$3.95. This handy encyclopedia-type book is suitable for home, school, or church libraries. There are 53 party plans complete from invitations to refreshments, plus capsule ideas for many more activities. The book is very complete in its selection of ideas and while details for activities are listed, these are easily adaptable for any setting. Unique to this resource is a section on party recipes. These are equated for quantity servings, which often is a problem to those not frequently on refreshment committees. The book is thoroughly indexed and would be easy to use by those from nine to ninety. Written by a minister's wife, each activity is adaptable for church groups.

—Joan Pyle Vander Kolk



Summer Assembly Delegates Display Supplies

Making a real sales pitch for various Christian Endeavor items are the delegates shown above (from left) Curtis Palmer, Bellaire, Ohio; Gary F. Ramsay, Jacobsburg, Ohio; Mildred Suchanek, Cincinnati, Ohio; Glenn Chadwick, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Steve Struck, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Arch J. McQuilkin (International Society President), Strafford, Pennsylvania; and Bernard Regoli, Jacobsburg, Ohio.

Curtis says this CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR JACKET is pretty sharp (even if the sample is several sizes too big). The jacket has a zipper front and is made of water repellent Zelan finished poplin with the CE emblem and motto in white on the back of the jacket. Blue or green jackets are available on special order. Sizes are small, medium, and large. The jacket costs \$8.50 or \$95 a dozen (if you order two dozen or more you can have the name of your state, county, or church added without charge.)

It's fun to wear a CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PAPER CAP and that only costs 5c, says Gary. Information about Christian Endeavor along with the monogram is printed in red. These caps are ideal for banquets, parties, parades, picnics, and many other uses.

A SHORT SLEEVE SWEAT SHIRT would make a good souvenir of the Assembly, Mildred reports. Just the thing for a cool morning at camp or conference! It comes in sizes small, medium, and large and has the CE motto emblem on the front in red. Costs just \$4.00.

Glenn wants to tell you that T-SHIRTS are available in all sizes. For Juniors a white T-shirt with the blue Junior emblem can be purchased at \$1.50 each or \$15 a dozen in sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14 years. A T-shirt like he is wearing is available in adult sizes small, medium, or large at \$2 each, \$20 a dozen. It is made of fine white cotton with the CE motto emblem on the front in red.

BEANIES are easy to wear and only cost 65c, says Steve. You can get them in red and white or blue and white wool felt with the CE emblem.

The International Society president is displaying a Christian Endeavor TOTE BAG. Arch says it has many uses and is the ideal carryall. It is made of white heavy weight Vinyl, has a draw string top, and is 9" in diameter and 12" deep. The CE monogram, "Christian Endeavor," and the motto are printed in bright red. It is a real bargain at just \$2.

For a laugh at your next banquet, give your toastmaster or honored guest one of these VESTS, says Bernard. Lots of fun for only \$1.75. It has red, white, and blue stripes with the words "Christian Endeavor" and the motto.

On the wall at the right is a TAFFETA CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PENNANT. Costing only 85c each, these red and white pennants are 8" x 19" and are excellent for decorations.



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